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**More often than not, once a story is told,
all that remains is the finished "accepted" version--
the bad as well as the good exposed for all to see.
Very rarely does the creator have the opportunity to
revisit the creation and tinker with it until
the finished account is the version it was
always meant to be.**

ENDGAME was a story about the ultimate battle between the forces of good — in this case, **Sonic The Hedgehog** and his fellow **Freedom Fighters** — against the forces of evil, represented by **Doctor Ivo Robotnik**, in which case the final outcome would determine the future of Mobotropolis, to say nothing of **Mobius**.

**Here now for your enjoyment is the final act,
showcasing Sonic's finest hour...**

JULIAN, OF THE
HOUSE OF IVO,
PREPARE TO BE
FINISHED!

I'M AFRAID
I BADLY MIS-
CALCULATED!

ZAT

ZAT

THE SCHEME
WAS PERFECT, BUT
THE TIMING
WAS--

DID
YOU GET HIM,
LONDO?

I DON'T
SEE HIM,
JAKKAR!

HE'LL WANT
OUR HEADS IF
WE CAN'T BRING
BACK JULIAN'S
THAT'S FOR
CERTAIN!

OOOF!

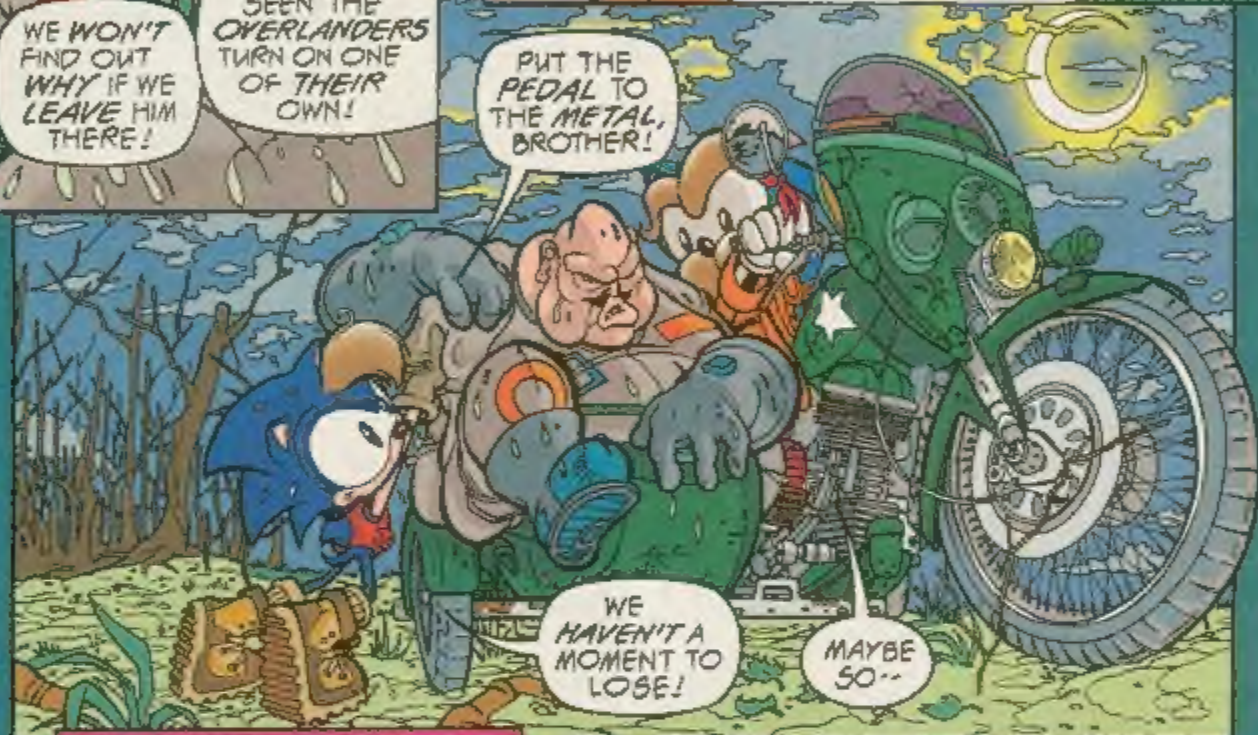
SPA-LASH

HE MUST BE
STILL RUNNING
SOMEWHERE UP
AHEAD!

YOU KNOW
THE MINISTER
WON'T TOLERATE
FAILURE!

THIS
WAY!

BUB
BUB
BUB



-- BUT I CAN'T HELP HAVING A NASTY FEELING ABOUT OUR CARGO!



--IT SEEMS YOU'RE THE LOGICAL CHOICE
TO LEAD THE TROOPS, WARLORD JULIAN!"

AT MY
COMMAND--

THIS IS
INSANE, JULES!
HIM LEADING
US!

I'M SURE KING
ACORN HAS HIS
REASONS,
CHARLES!

"FOR THE
KINGDOM!"

THE-MONITOR-
READINGS-ARE-
SHOWING-THE-
DOCTOR-MORE-
EXCITED-THAN-
USUAL!

IT-MUST-BE-
A-REAL-GOOD
DREAM!

CRUSH
THEM
ALL!!!

UNFORTUNATELY--

--IT'S-TIME-TO
AWAKEN-HIM. CARE-
TO-DO-THE-
HONORS?

Yawnnn!

SUCH A WONDERFUL DREAM!
IT'S ALWAYS A DELIGHT TO
REMEMBER LAMENTATIONS
OF ONE'S ENEMIES!

WE HAVE SECURED
A TEST SUBJECT AS
PER YOUR
INSTRUCTIONS, SIR!

WHO IS IT?
THE HERSEHOG,
PERHAPS?

AN OVERLANDER-
MALE, SIR!

WHATEVER IT IS
BETTER BE GOOD TO
JUSTIFY WAKING ME
FROM MY SLUMBER!

AN
OVERLANDER,
DID YOU SAY?

WEUUUU--

--THIS IS
WORTH WAKING
UP FOR!

IF I'M LUCKY,
IT'S SOMEONE
I REALLY HATE!

IS
EVERYTHING ALL
SET FOR BETA-
TESTING?

THERE'S JUST ENOUGH
ENERGY FOR ONE TEST, SIR!

EXCELLENT!

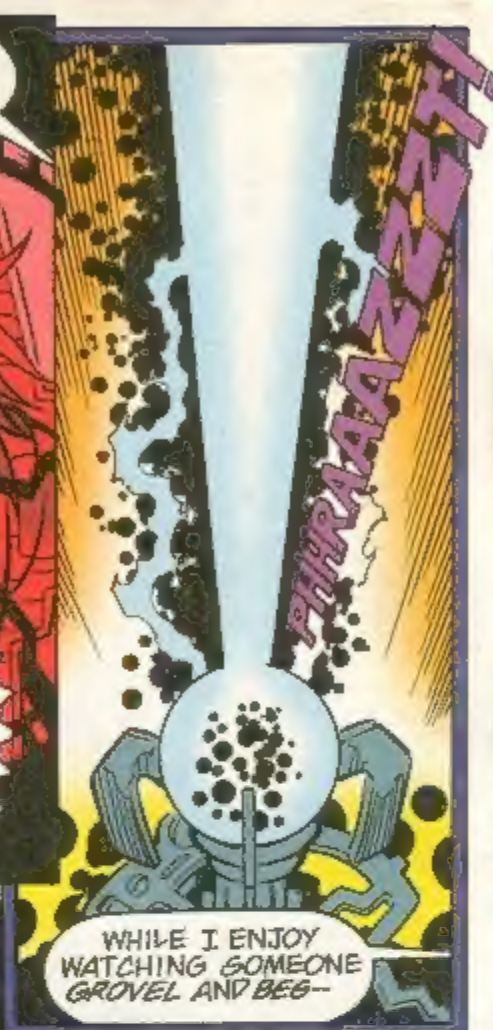
AND LOOK
OVER THERE--

--OUR
VOLUNTEER!

YOU'RE JUST
THE BEGINNING,
MY FRIEND!

JULIAN?!
ALIVE?!?! WE
THOUGHT YOU
WERE DEAD!

WE NEVER EVEN
SUSPECTED YOU OF
BEING THE DREADED
ROBOTNIK!



FOR WHOM THE BELL TOLLS!

LISTEN UP, KNUX!
I NEED YOUR HELP TO
CLEAR MY NAME! I'M
BEING FRAMED!

AS PERSONAL GUARD
TO KING ACORN OF MOBIUS,
I DEPUTIZE AND COMMAND
YOU TO HELP ME BRING
PRINCESS SALLY'S ASSASSIN
TO JUSTICE!

WHAT?!
PUH-PRINCESS
SALLY--
DEAD?!

I TOLD
HER YOU WERE
NO GOOD--
ARRRR!

NO!
YOU GOTTA
BELIEVE ME...
DON'T--

CAN'T GET
A CLEAR SHOT
AT THE
HEDGEHOG...





ENOUGH!!

GH-KOOOM

ALTHOUGH I
HAVE BEEN KNOWN
TO LISTEN TO A
DRAGON EVERY
NOW AND THEN...

DULCY!
IN THE NICK
OF TIME!

AS YOU KNOW, DRAGONS
CANNOT TELL LIES. THAT IS
WHY WE CAN SENSE THE PURITY
OF TRUTH AND I KNOW
SONIC IS NOT LYING ABOUT
BEING FRAMED!

A DRAGON'S
SPOKEN WORD
IS FACT.

NOW WILL YOU LISTEN
TO ME, ST. JOHN?!

OUR REAL ENEMY IS TRYING
TO DIVIDE AND CONQUER US!
INSTEAD, WE MUST TEAM UP!
FLEMING, BRING YOUR PLANE
INTO THIS CLEARING!

YES,
SIR!

WHAT'S YOUR
NEXT MOVE,
KNUX?

OUT OF RESPECT
FOR PRINCESS SALLY,
I'M GOING ALONG
TO HELP SONIC. I
WANT YOU TO AS-
SEMBLE THE CHAOTIX
AND GUARD THE
ISLAND UNTIL I GET
BACK...

I DON'T
THINK I'LL FIT
IN A PLANE,
SONIC...

THAT'S OKAY,
DULCE! YOU'VE DONE
MORE THAN
ENOUGH-- CHILL!
WE'LL TAKE IT
BACK TO--

"--KNOTHOLE!"

MOVE-
ALONG.

YOU WILL-
ALL-BE
ROBOTICIZED!

MECHA-
SLAVERY IS
INEVITABLE--
ESCAPE IS
IMPOSSIBLE!

WE FREEDOM
FIGHTERS HAVE
DONE THE
IMPOSSIBLE
BEFORE!

LET'S GET TO THE
BATHYSHERE AND THE
SEA FOX. WE'VE GOT
TO GET HELP FROM
SOME OF THE OTHER
FREEDOM FIGHTER
GROUPS!

I CAN'T BELIEVE
THAT ROBOTNIK
FOUND OUR
SECRET VILLAGE
LOCATION.

THE WAY THINGS
HAVE BEEN GOING
LATELY, NOTHING
SURPRISES ME.

AT LEAST HE
DOESN'T KNOW
ABOUT OUR
UNDERGROUND
CANAL SYSTEM
AND WATER
VEHICLES.

HOLY
ABALONE!

SHIP? THEN
AGAIN, HE
MIGHT!

WELL, WELL--
IF IT ISN'T BLUBBER-
BREATH AND THE TWO-
TAILED FREAK!

GAME OVER,
FREEDOM FIGHTERS.
BACK UPSTAIRS
AND JOIN THE REST
OF THE LOSERS!

YOU'RE MY PRISONERS
NOW! AND IF YOU'RE
REAL GOOD--

"--I'LL JUST SHIP YOUR
CARCASS OFF TO
THE SLAVE LABOR
CAMPS ON DOWNUNDA!"

BUNNIE--NO!
DON'T FOOL WEETH ZEE
COLLAIRE!

HOLD
STILL-- IF
AN CAN
JUST--



CEL GUARD-CALLING CROBOT-
KNOTHOLE PRISONER'S-COLLAR-
HAS-BEEN-DETONATED,-
DESTROYING-ALL-FOUR-INMATES.

TOO BAD I WAS
LOOKING FORWARD TO
TORTURING THEM I STILL
HAVE THE OTHER THREE
LEFT!

VERY WELL-
REPORT TO
THE LOADING
DOCK!

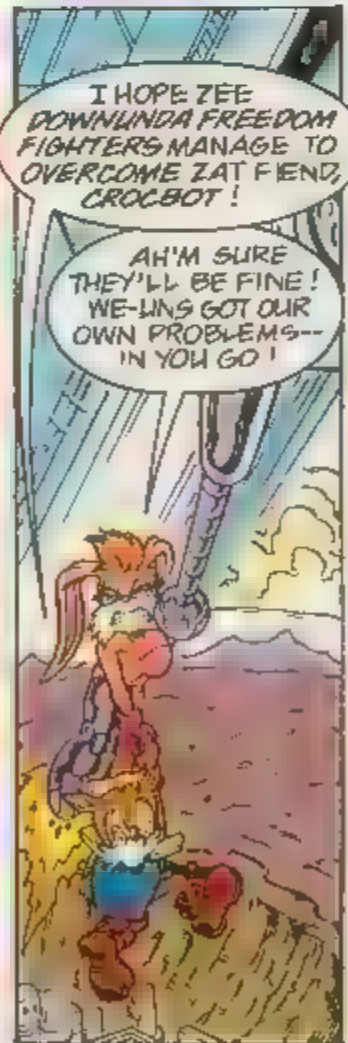
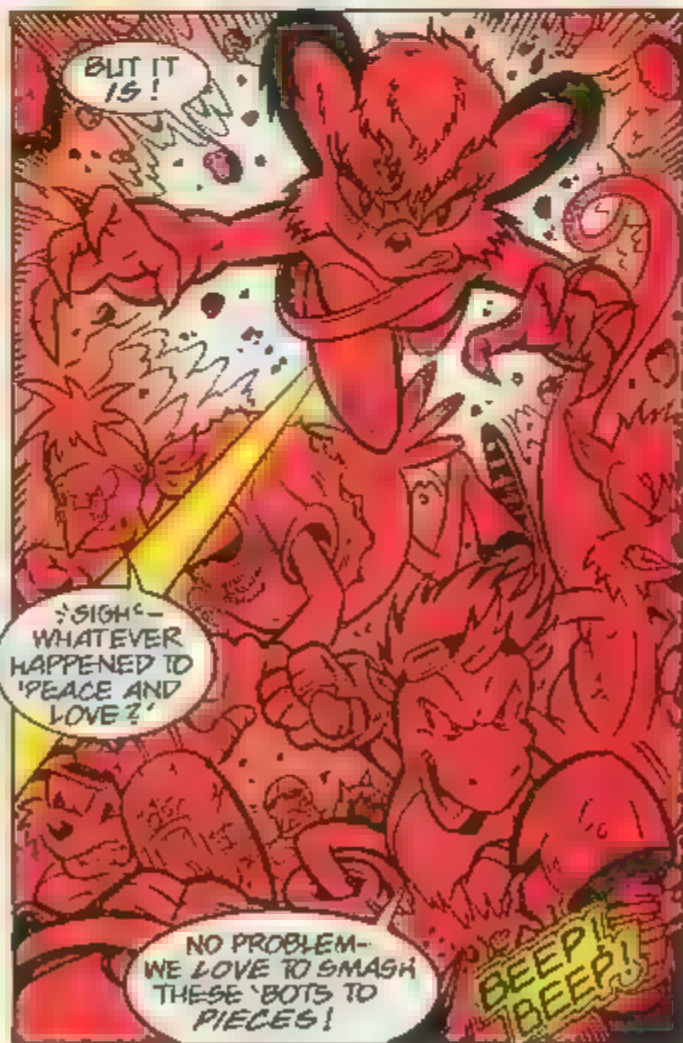
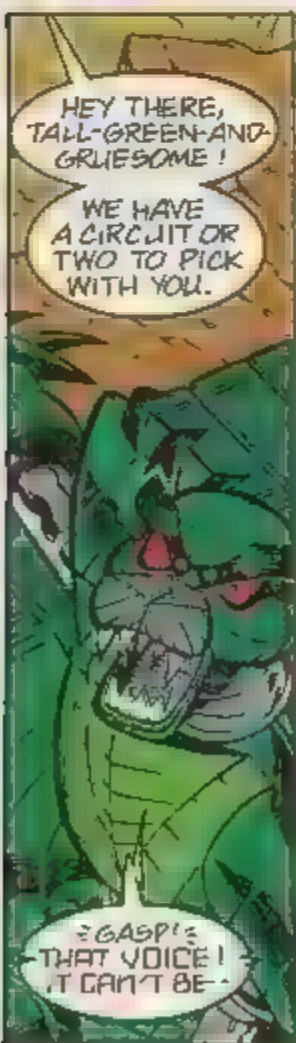
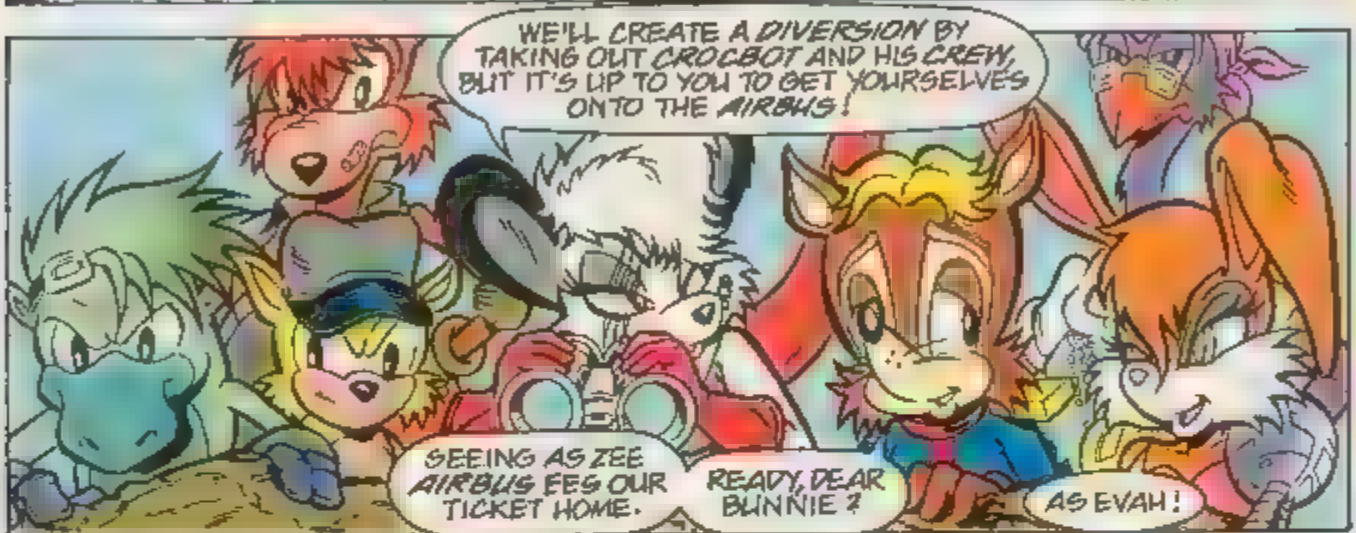
AT-ONCE

DID YOU
HEAR THAT?

SOUNDS
LIKE OUR
TEAMMATES
ARE STILL
ALIVE!

WE BETTER
FIND THEM--
AND FAST!

AFTER ZAT,
I SUGGEST WE
MAKE OUR WAY
TO--



"IVO ROBOTNIK IN ROBOTROPOL'S
CALLING CROCBOT'S CRATER IN
DOWNUNDA..."

COME IN,
CROCBOT!

WHAT?!

LOOK, I'M DEALING
WITH AN UPRISING HERE
AT THE PRISON CAMP!
THE MINERAL ORE
WE'VE MINED IS ALREADY
ON ITS WAY TO YOU!

AHHH... THAT'S
ALL I WANTED TO
KNOW--ROBOTNIK,
OVER AND
OUT!

HA! ONCE I GET
THE ORE, MY ULTIMATE
ANNIHILATOR WILL
BE OPERATIONAL!

AT WHICH TIME, I
WILL UNLEASH THE
UA'S POWER ON THE
VILLAGE OF KNOTHOLE,
ERASING IT FROM EX-
STENCE FOREVER!

I MUST RETURN
TO MY SLUMBER CHAM-
BER BEFORE THE ORE
ARRIVES I WANT TO BE
WELL RESTED FOR MY
ULTIMATE VICTORY!
HAHAHAHA!

COME-ON-
FASTER,
SPECIMENS!

"SHUDDER"
LOOKS LIKE
THE END OF
THE LINE, OL'
BUDDY...

WAIT--WHAT'S
THAT NOISE OVER--
HEAD? IT'S...

...IT'S--AN-
AIRPLANE!

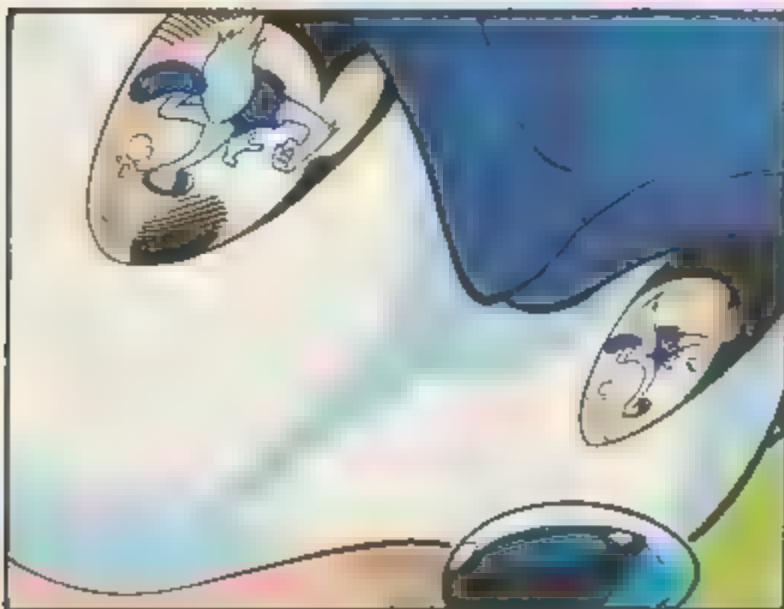
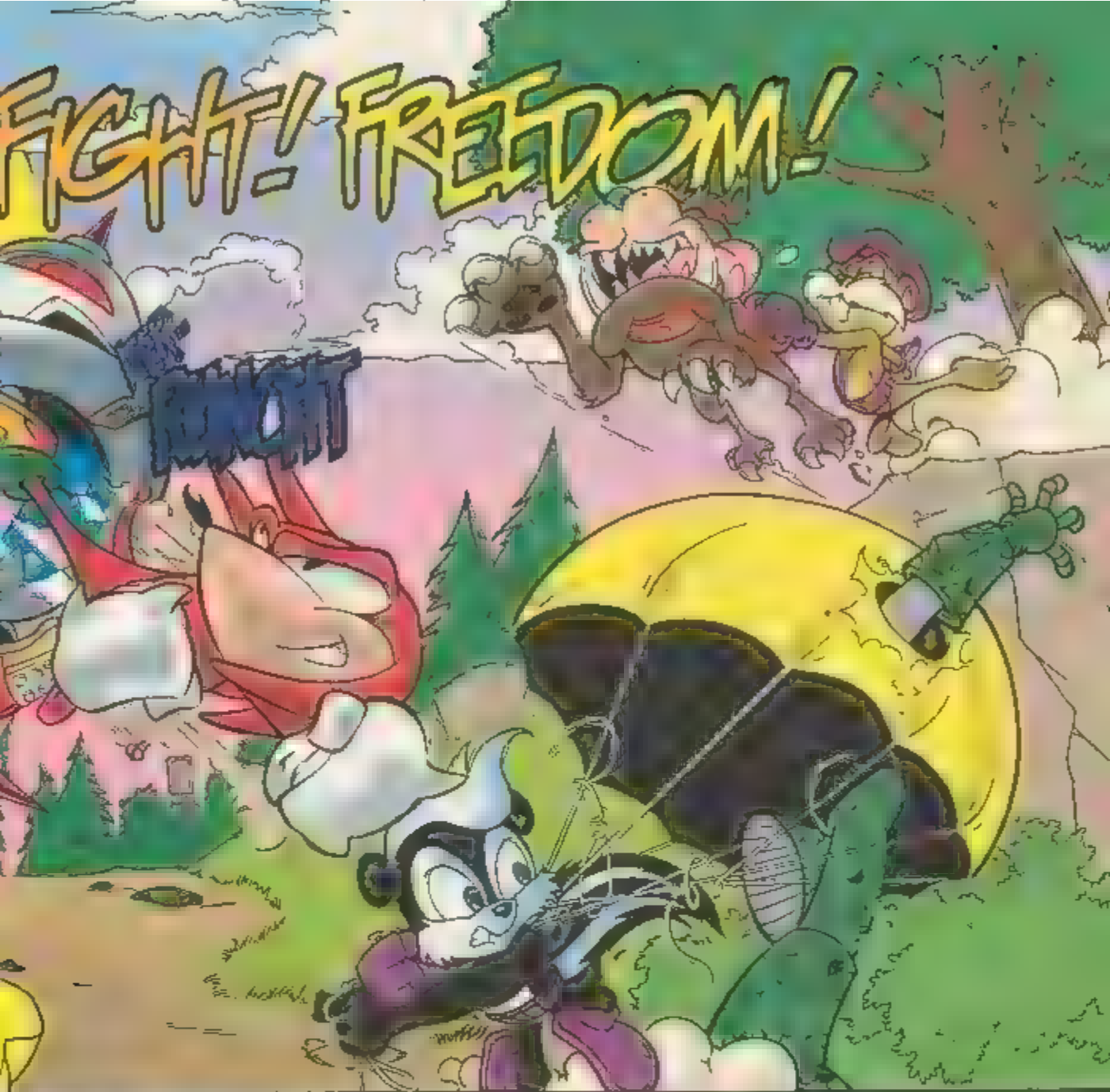
BY THE
SCYTHE OF
KING ACORN...
CHARGE!

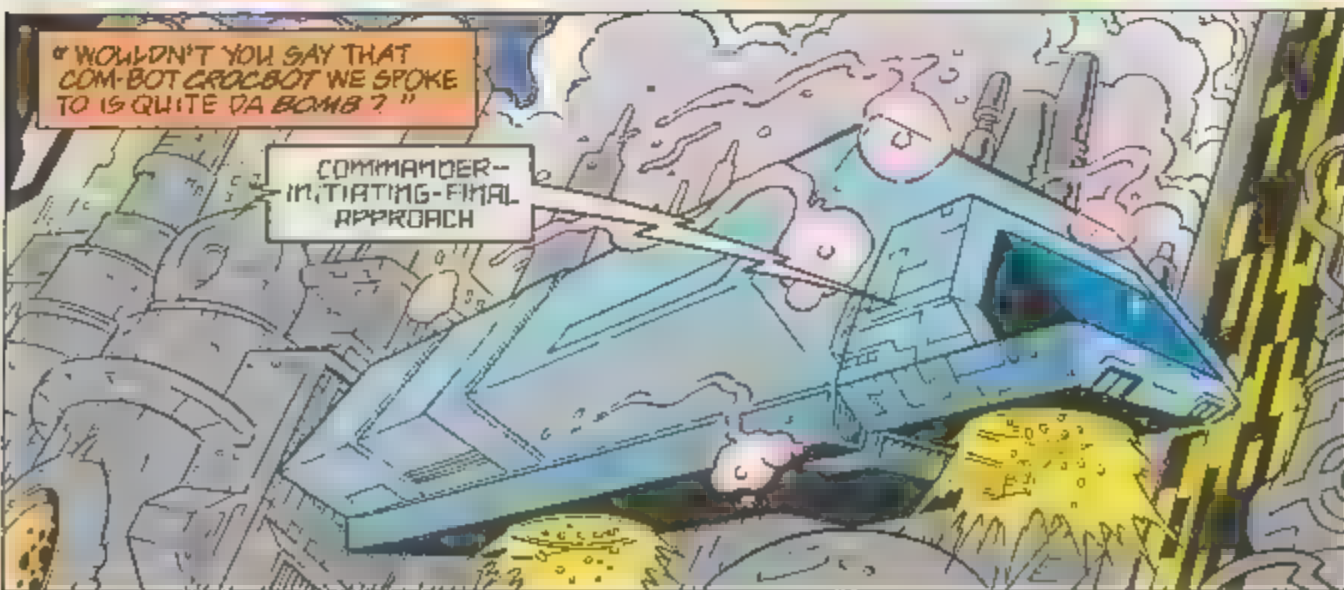
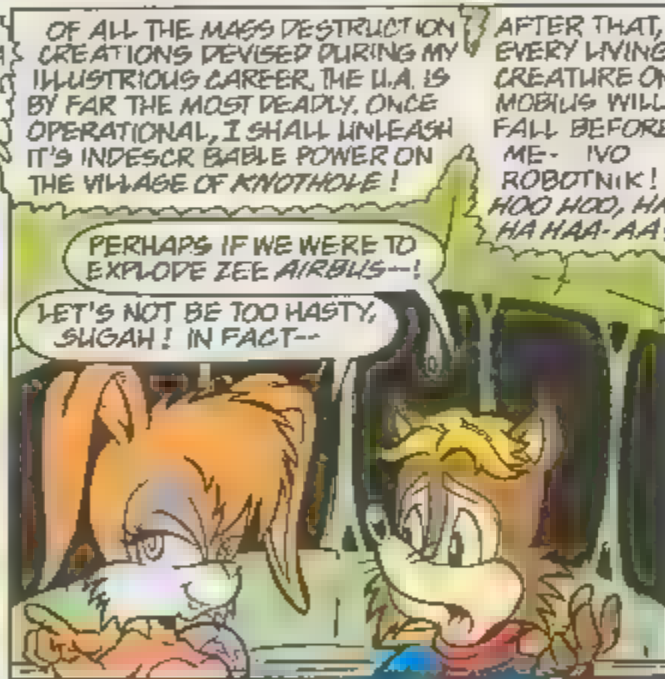
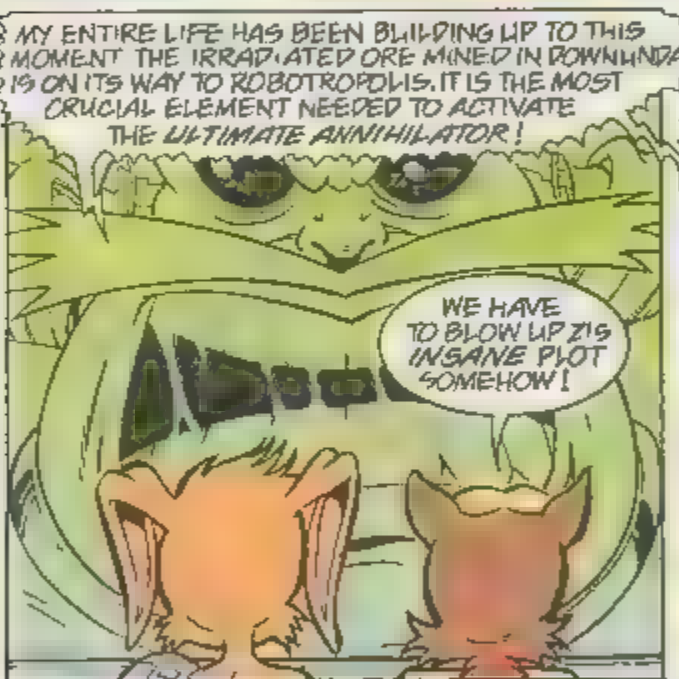
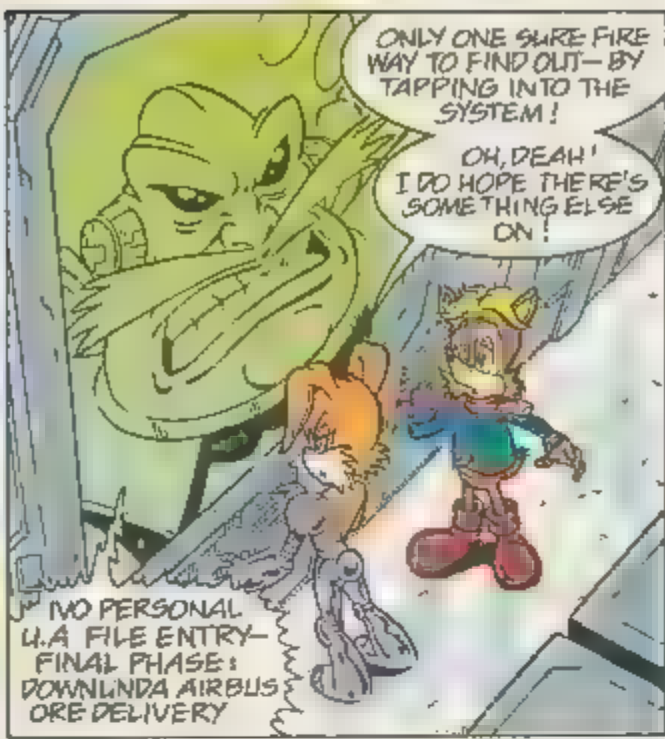
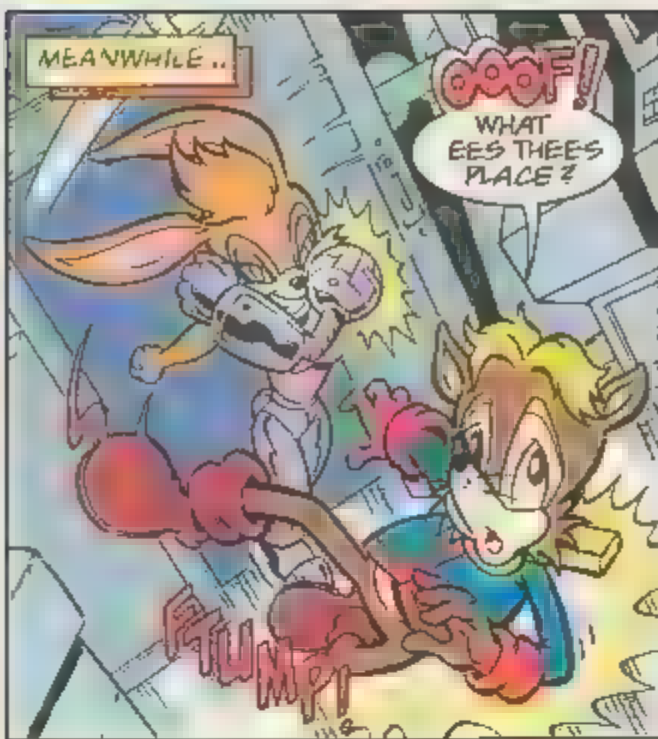
DON'T JUST
STAND THERE, YOU
RUSTBUCKETS!
BLAST THEM OUT
OF THE SKY!

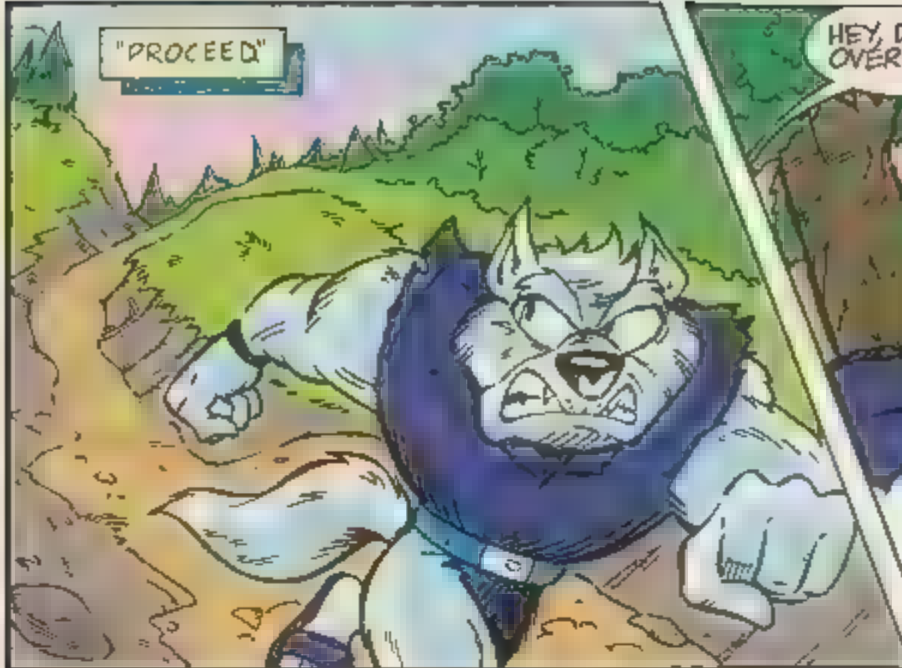
LOOK-- IT'S
GEOFFREY--KNUCKLES--
AND... Gasp!... SONIC!
THEY'RE WORKING
TOGETHER!

LET'S JOIN THEM!
COME ON, EVERYBODY--
DO IT FOR PRINCESS
SALLY!









"PROCEED"



HEY, DRAGO!!
OVER HERE!!

HUH?
WHO SAID
THAT?!



WELL, WHAT ARE YOU
WAITING FOR?!

I SEE SOMETHING
COMING UP FAST, NOT
TOO FAR OFF IN THE
DISTANCE!



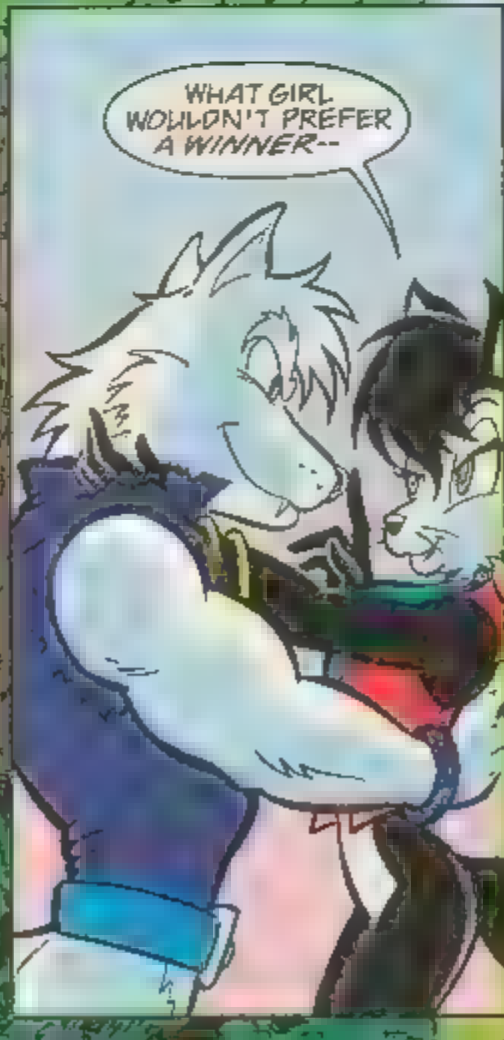
HOW DO
I KNOW I
CAN TRUST
YOU?

WHY, DRAGO,
IF YOU CAN'T
TRUST ME--

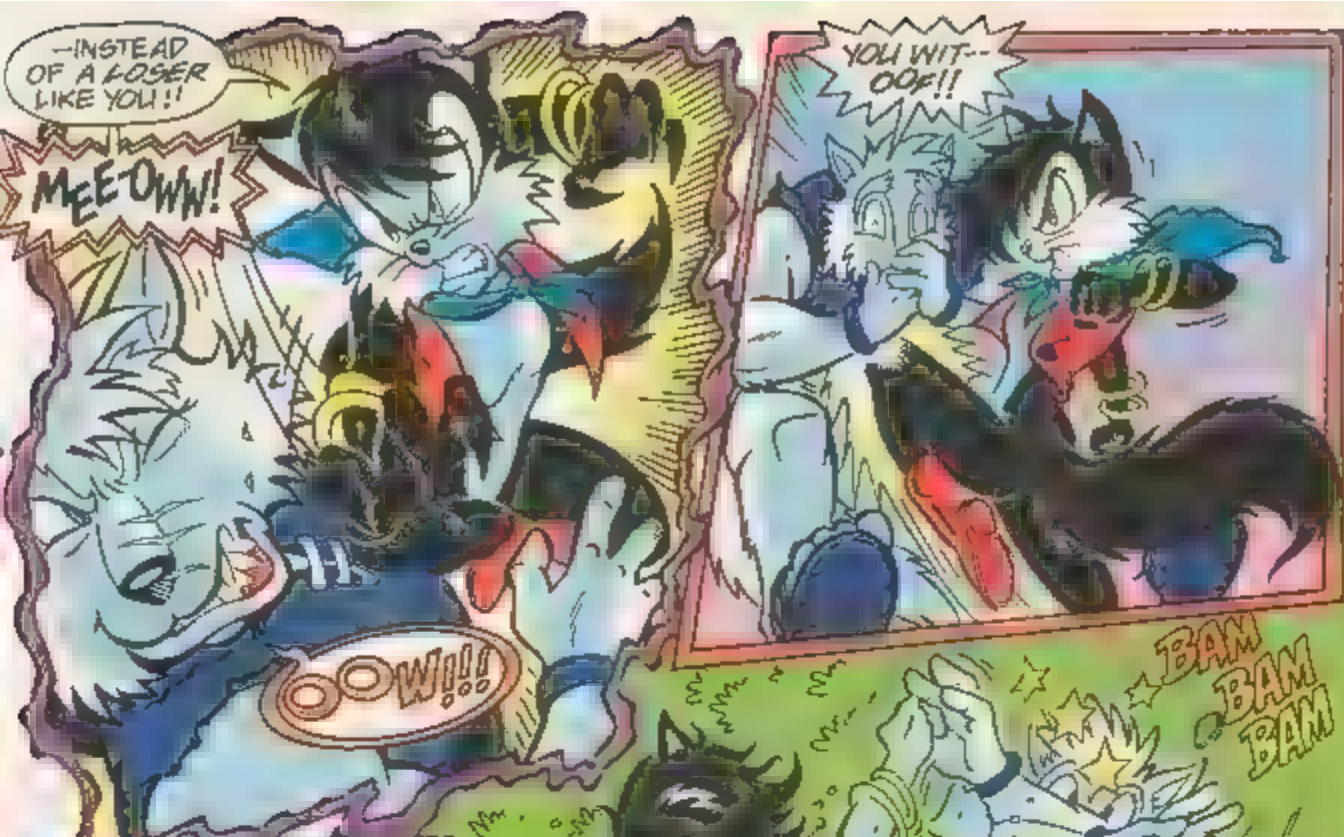


--WHO
CAN YOU
TRUST?

SO
YOU FINALLY
CAME TO
YOUR SENSES,
EH, BABE?



WHAT GIRL
WOULDN'T PREFER
A WINNER--



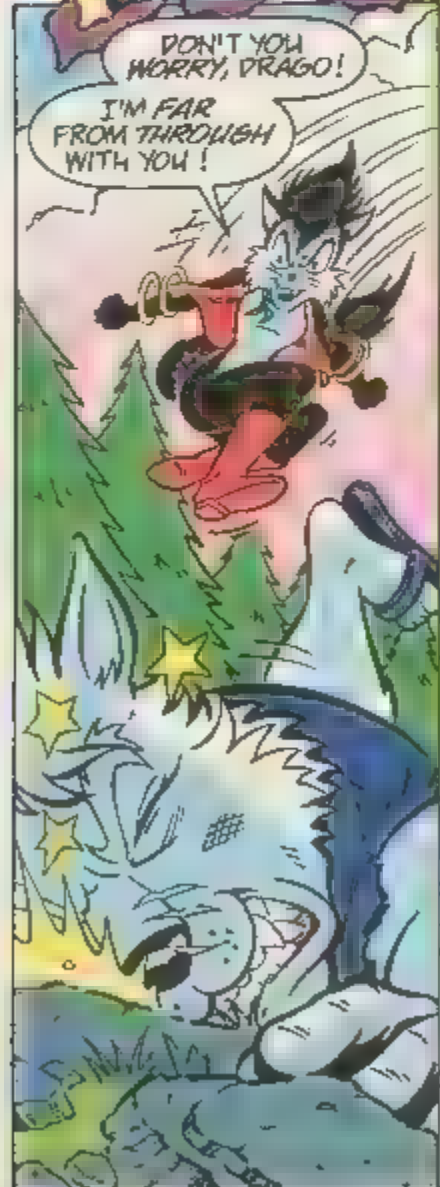
-INSTEAD OF A LOSER LIKE YOU!!

MEE-OWW!

YOU WIT-- OOF!!

OW!!!

BAM
BAM
BAM



DON'T YOU WORRY, DRAGO!

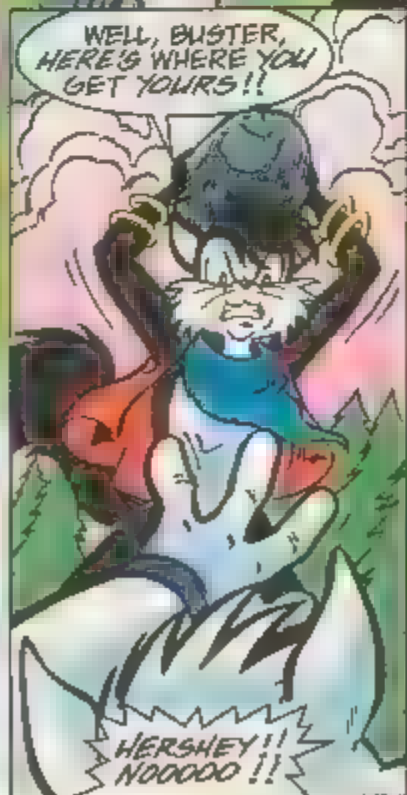
I'M FAR FROM THROUGH WITH YOU!



I LOVED YOU, DRAGO! I'D HAVE DONE ANYTHING FOR YOU!!!

AND FOR YOU TO USE ME LIKE THAT-

YOU'RE THE WORST PIECE OF SH!ME IT'S BEEN MY MISFORTUNE TO KNOW!!



WELL, BUSTER, HERE'S WHERE YOU GET YOURS!!

HERSHEY!! NOOOOO!!



BAM



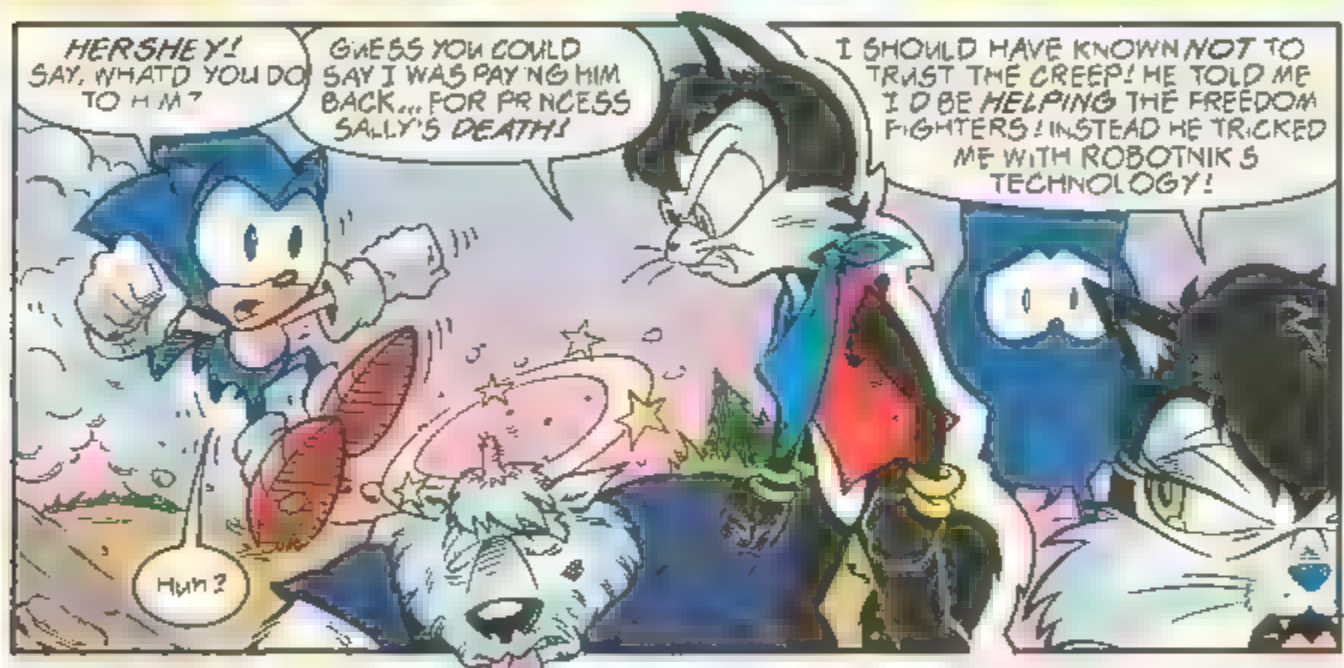
OH, NO,
YOU DON'T, YOU
DIRTBAG!!

YOU
DON'T GET
OFF THAT
EASY!!!



KLOKT

--UGH!!



HERSHEY!
SAY, WHAT'D YOU DO
TO HIM?

GUESS YOU COULD
SAY I WAS PAYING HIM
BACK... FOR PRINCESS
SALLY'S DEATH!

I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN NOT TO
TRUST THE CREEP! HE TOLD ME
I'D BE HELPING THE FREEDOM
FIGHTERS! INSTEAD HE TRICKED
ME WITH ROBOTNIK'S
TECHNOLOGY!

Huh?



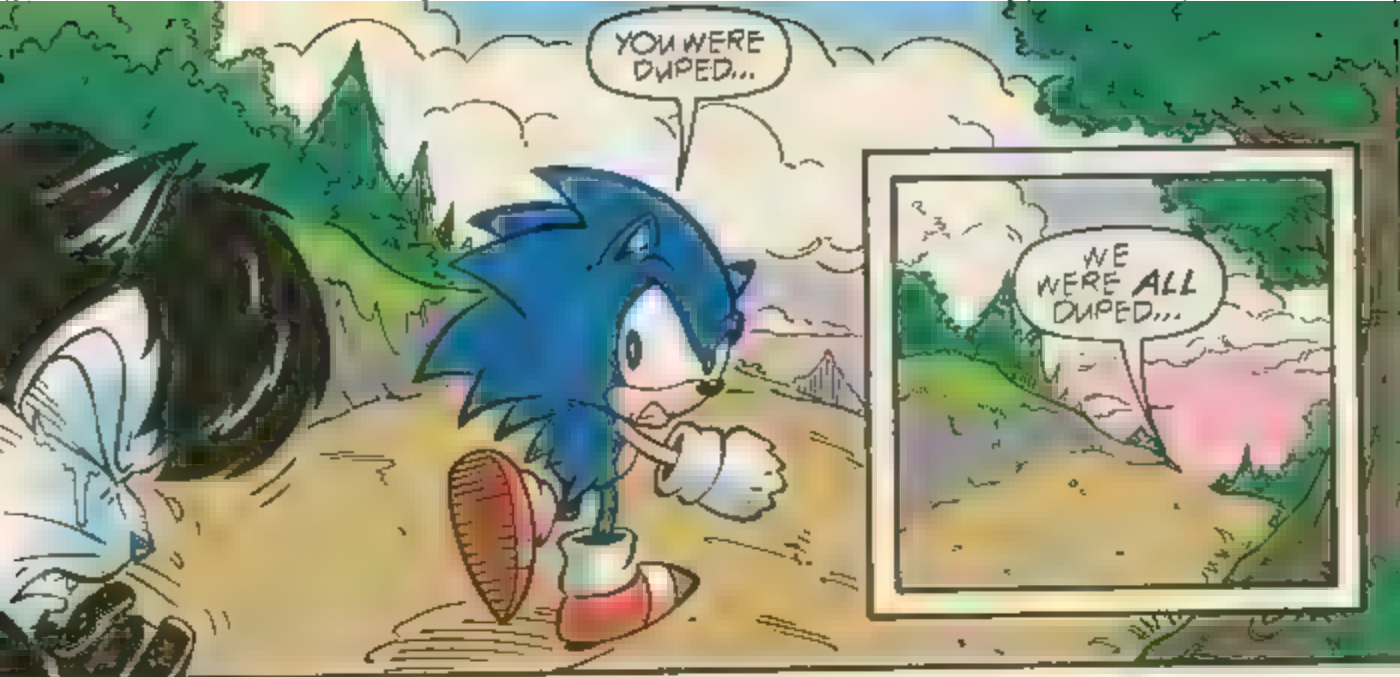
WHEN I CUT THAT
ROPE, SONIC, I THOUGHT
IT WAS SNIVELY WHO WAS
CLIMBING IT...

...BUT IT
WAS REALLY
SALLY!



Oh, SONIC!
WHAT HAVE I
DONE? EVERY-
THING YOU'VE
BEEN
THROUGH!

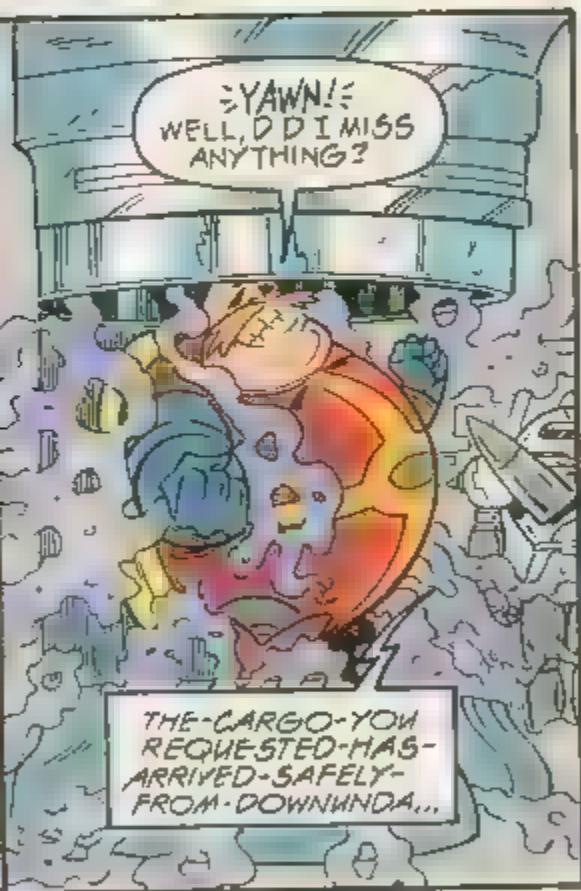
YOU
NEVER MIND THAT,
HERSHEY...



YOU WERE
DUPED...

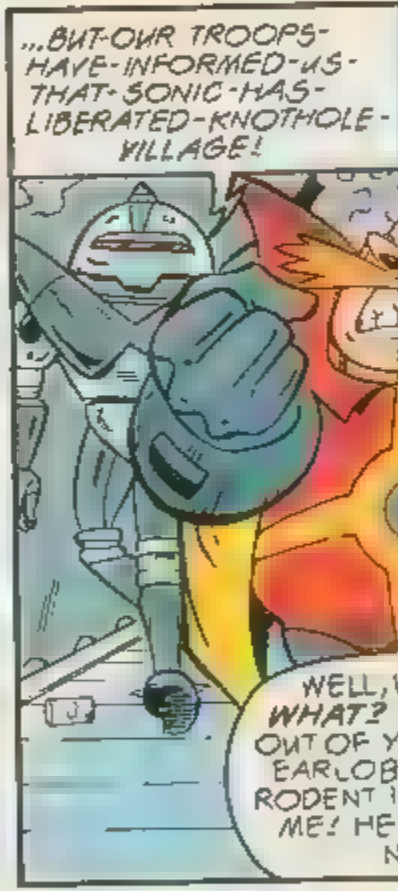


WE
WERE ALL
DUPED...

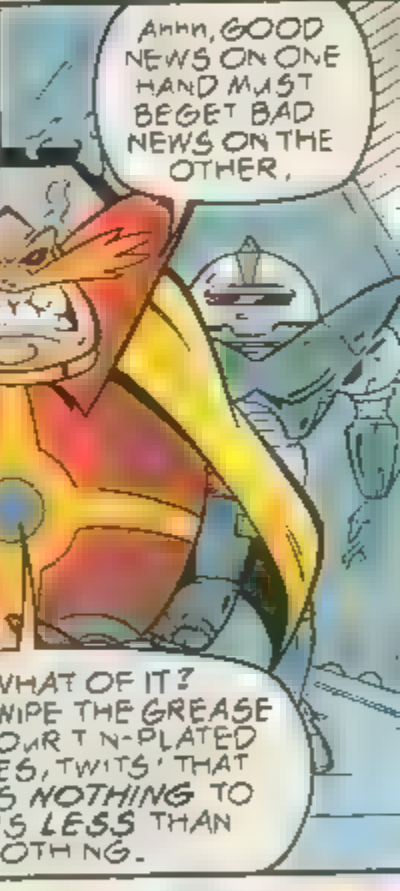


YAWN!
WELL, DID I MISS
ANYTHING?

THE CARGO YOU
REQUESTED HAS
ARRIVED SAFELY
FROM DOWNHINDA...

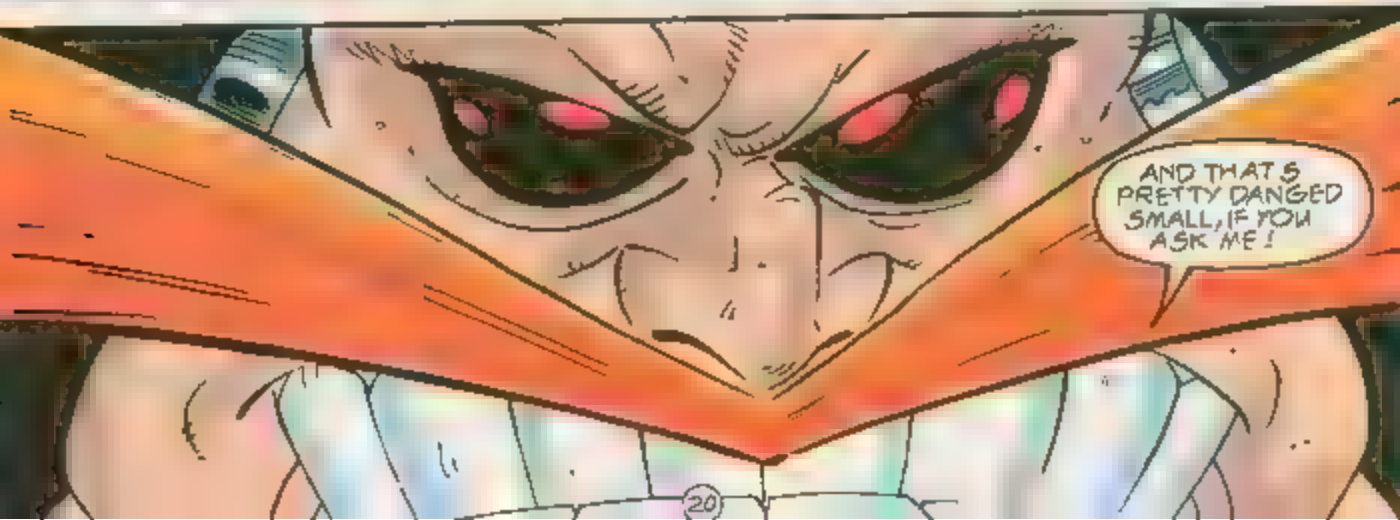


...BUT OUR TROOPS
HAVE INFORMED US
THAT SONIC HAS
LIBERATED KNOTHOLE
VILLAGE!

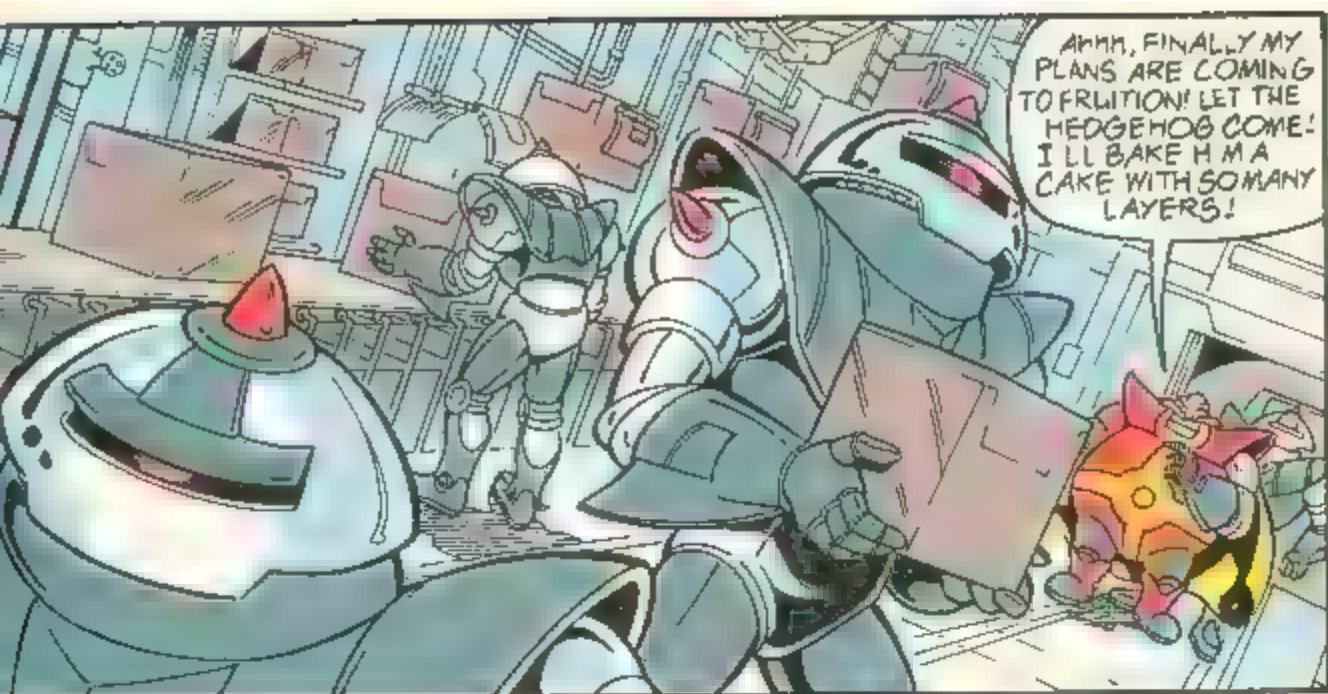


AMMM, GOOD
NEWS ON ONE
HAND MUST
BEGET BAD
NEWS ON THE
OTHER,

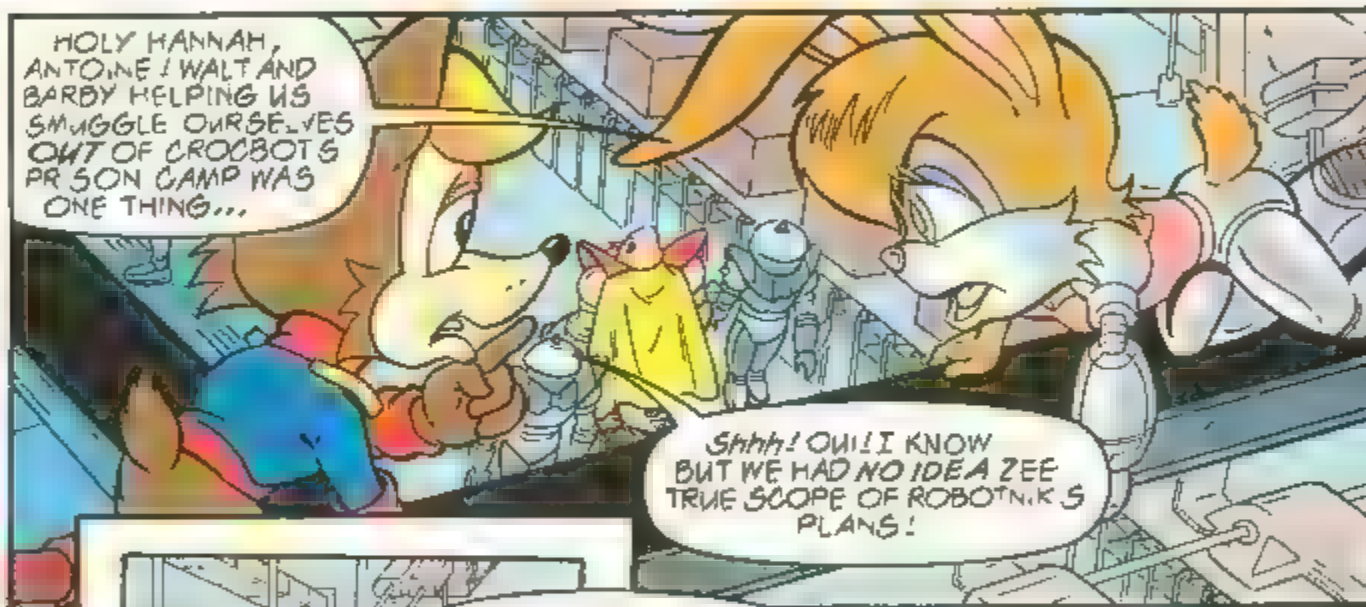
WELL, WHAT OF IT?
WHAT? WIPE THE GREASE
OUT OF YOUR TIN-PLATED
EARLOBES, TWITS! THAT
RODENT IS NOTHING TO
ME! HE'S LESS THAN
NOTHING.



AND THAT'S
PRETTY DANGEROUS
SMALL, IF YOU
ASK ME!

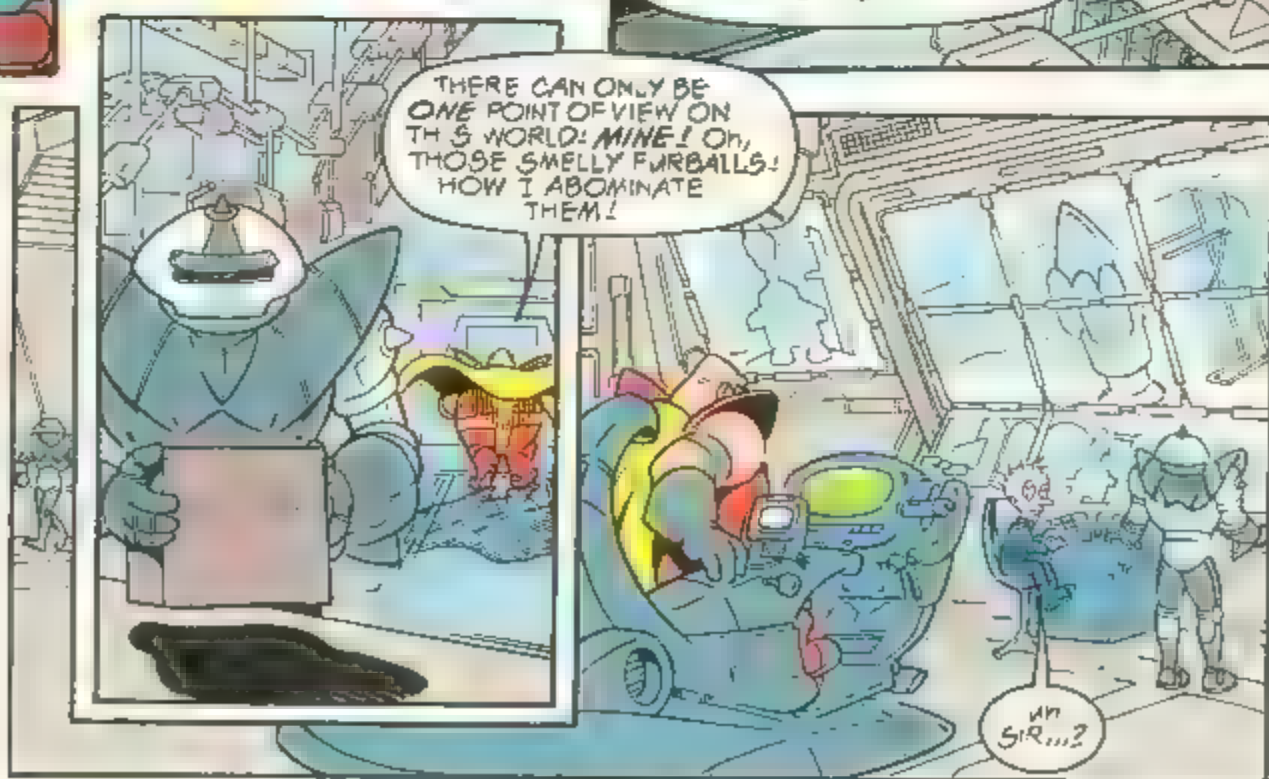


AMMM, FINALLY MY PLANS ARE COMING TO FRUITION! LET THE HEDGEHOGS COME! I'LL BAKE H M A CAKE WITH SO MANY LAYERS!



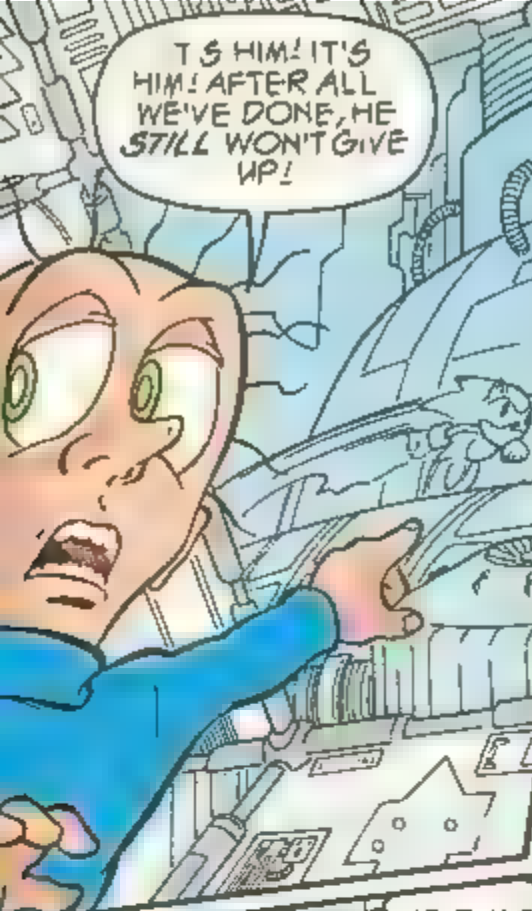
HOLY HANNAH, ANTOINE! WALT AND BARBY HELPING US SMUGGLE OURSELVES OUT OF CROCBOTS PRISON CAMP WAS ONE THING...

SHHH! OW!! I KNOW BUT WE HAD NO IDEA ZEE TRUE SCOPE OF ROBOTNIK'S PLANS!

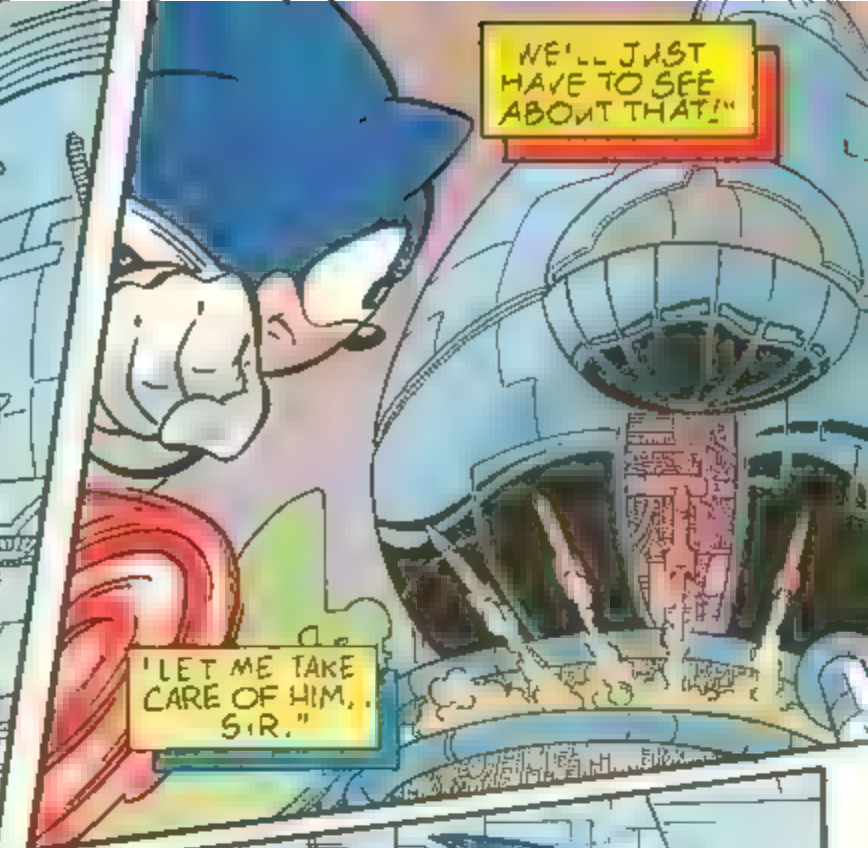


THERE CAN ONLY BE ONE POINT OF VIEW ON THIS WORLD: MINE! Oh, THOSE SMELLY FURBALLS! HOW I ABOMINATE THEM!

WHY SIR...?

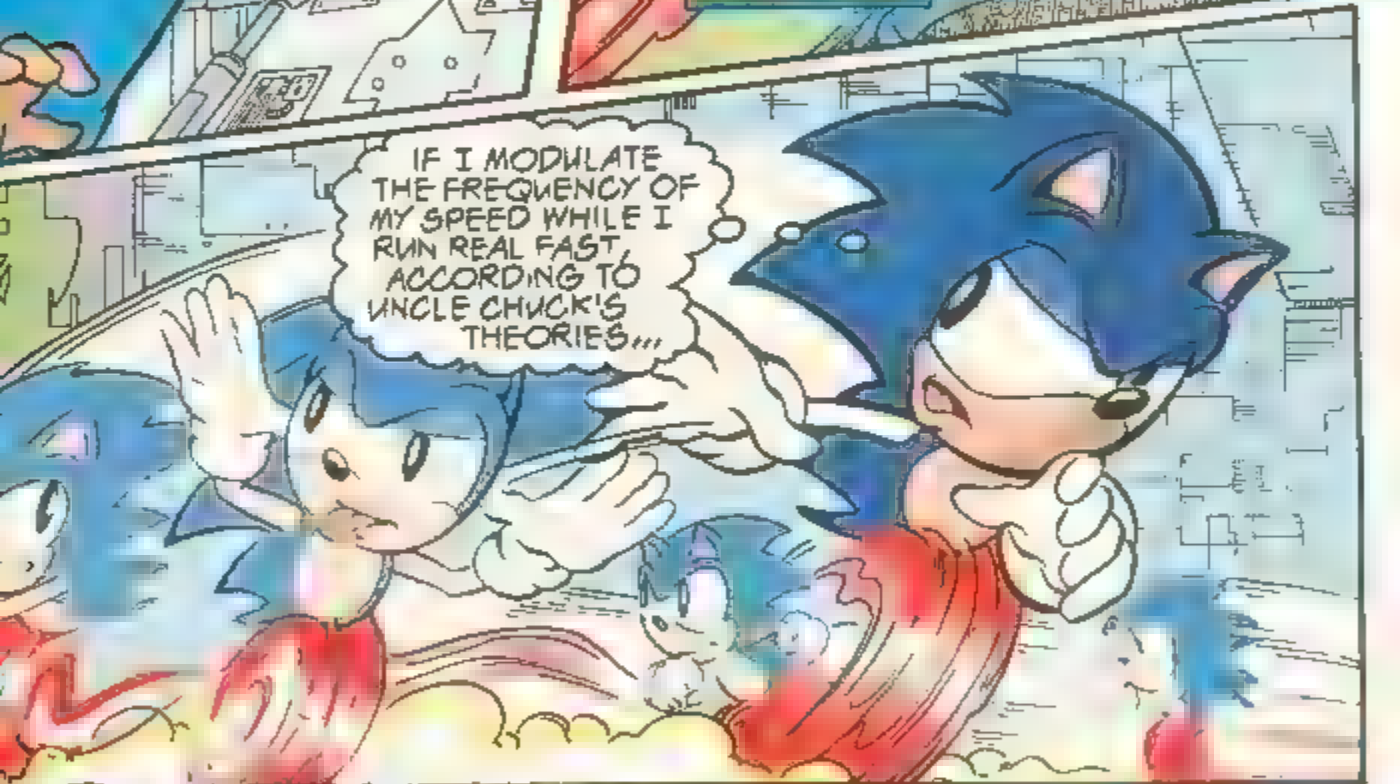


IT'S HIM! IT'S HIM!
AFTER ALL WE'VE DONE, HE
STILL WON'T GIVE UP!

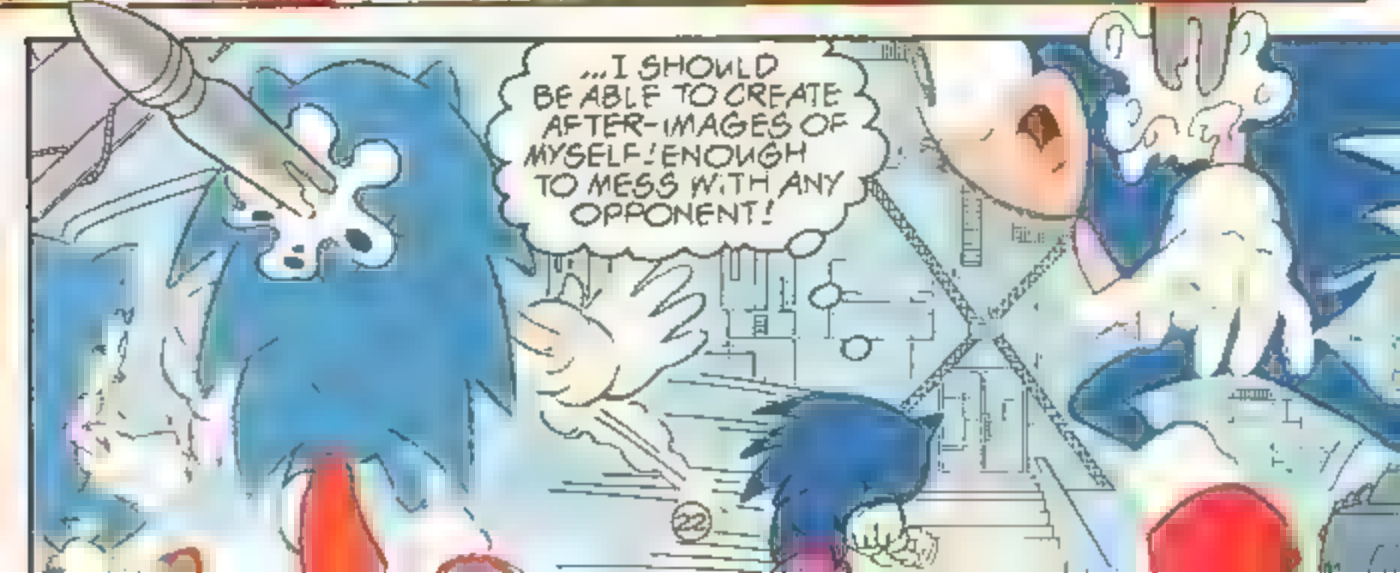


WE'LL JUST HAVE TO SEE
ABOUT THAT!"

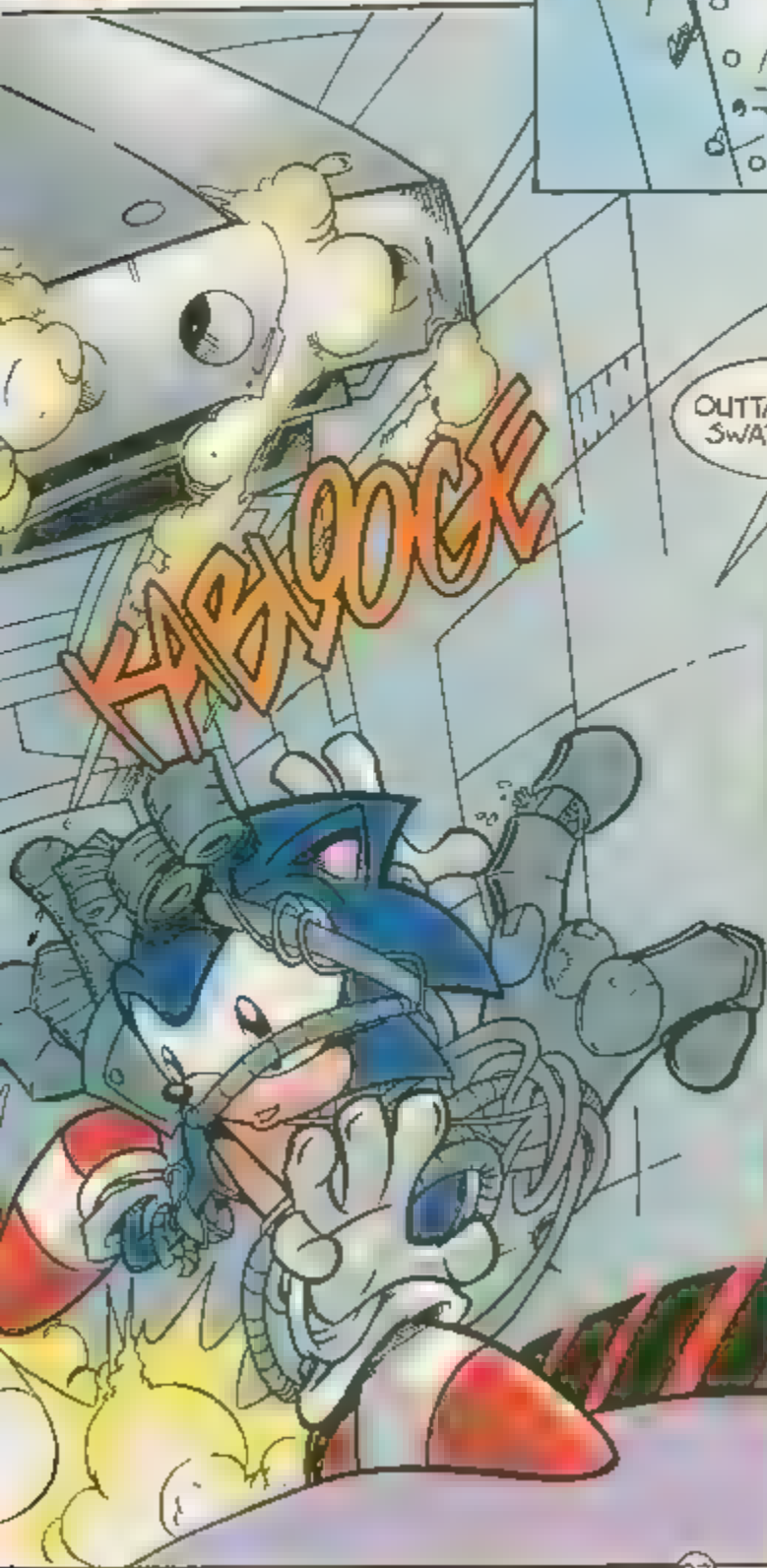
'LET ME TAKE
CARE OF HIM,
SIR."



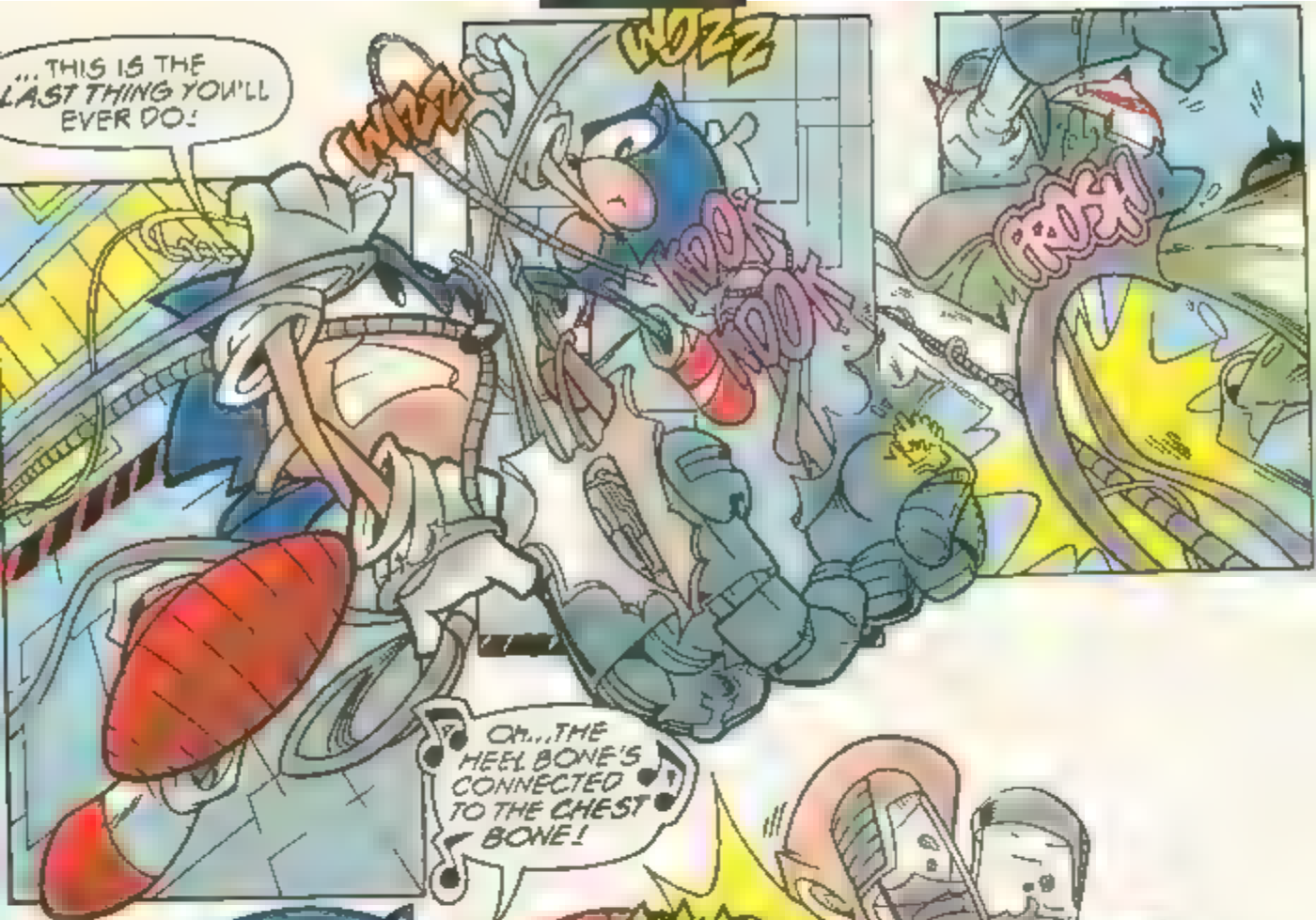
IF I MODULATE
THE FREQUENCY OF
MY SPEED WHILE I
RUN REAL FAST,
ACCORDING TO
UNCLE CHUCK'S
THEORIES...



...I SHOULD
BE ABLE TO CREATE
AFTER-IMAGES OF
MYSELF! ENOUGH
TO MESS WITH ANY
OPPONENT!



...THIS IS THE
LAST THING YOU'LL
EVER DO!



OH...THE
HEEL BONE'S
CONNECTED
TO THE CHEST
BONE!

CRACKK

OHH! OWW!
YOU HURT MY
STERNUM!

AHH
HOOO!

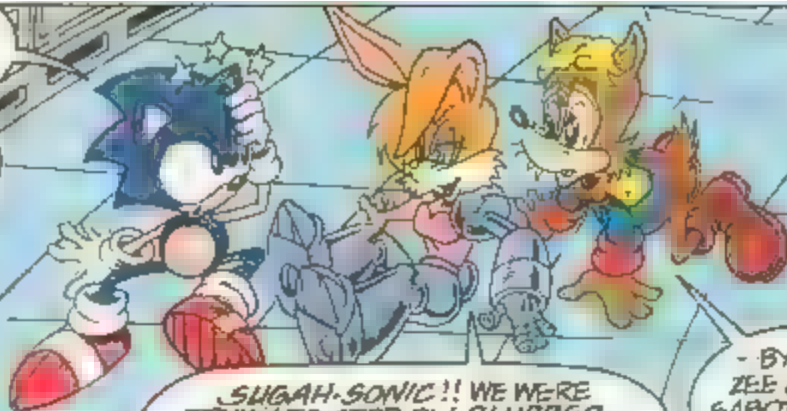
LOOKS LIKE
MY SIDE KICK SENT
ROBOTNIK'S SIDE-
KICK RIGHT DOWN
THE DRAIN

GOOD! NOW
I CAN FOCUS MY
ATTENT ON ON...
OOFF!

WHERE DID THAT BRICK
WALL COME FROM ALL
OF A SUDDEN?

FOR
THE LUVVA--
ANTOINE!!!
BUNNIE!!

HOW
DID YOU
GUYS GET
HERE?!

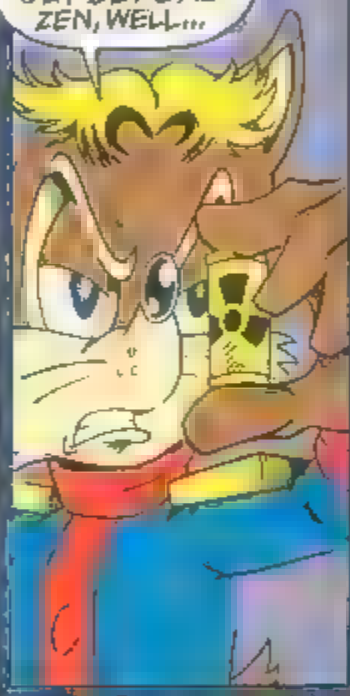


SUGAH, SONIC!! WE WERE
TRYIN' TO STOP OL' BLUBBER
BOTTOM FROM WIPIN' OUT KNOTHOLE--

- BY PLACING
ZEE BOMB TO
SABOTAGE EES
WEAPON!

ONCE WE PLANT ZIS
WHERE EET WILL DOZEE
MOST DAMAGE, EET'LL
BE SET TO DETONATE
WITHIN 10 MINUTES
TIME!

EET WE
DON'T MAKE IT
OUT BEFORE
ZEN, WELL...



NOBODY
SAID WE'D LIVE
FOREVER!



BESIDES, IF THAT'S
THE PRICE FOR TAKING
DOWN 'BUTT-NICK--

-LET'S DO
IT TO IT!

SONIC!!
WAIT!!

WHAIRE
ARE YOU
GOING?!



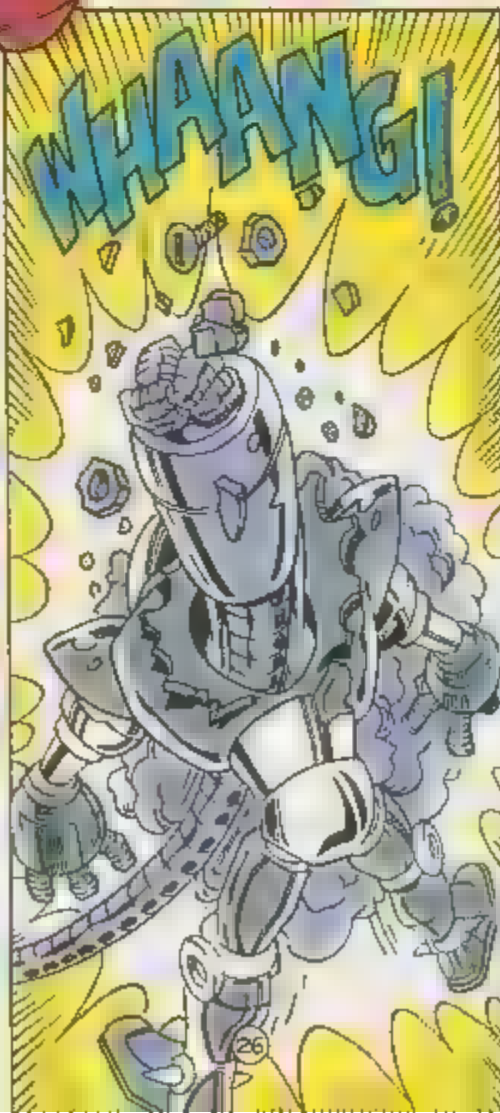
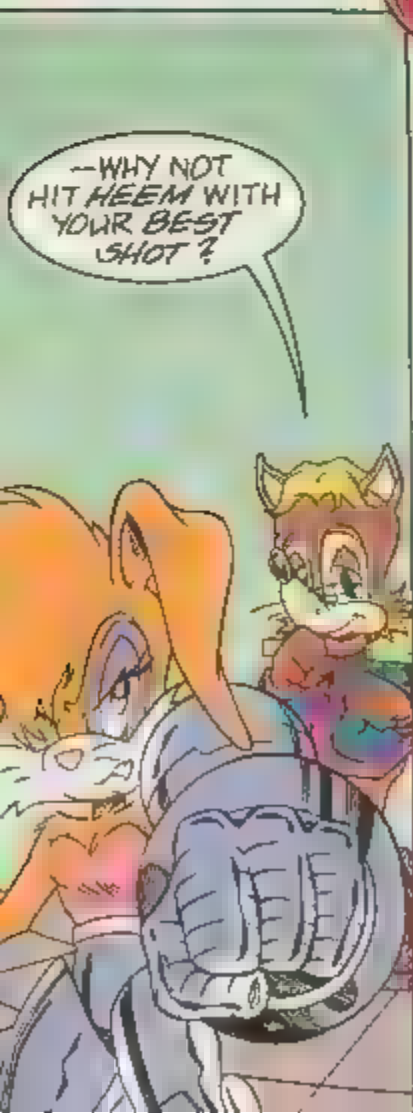
TO BUY
YOU GUYS
TIME!

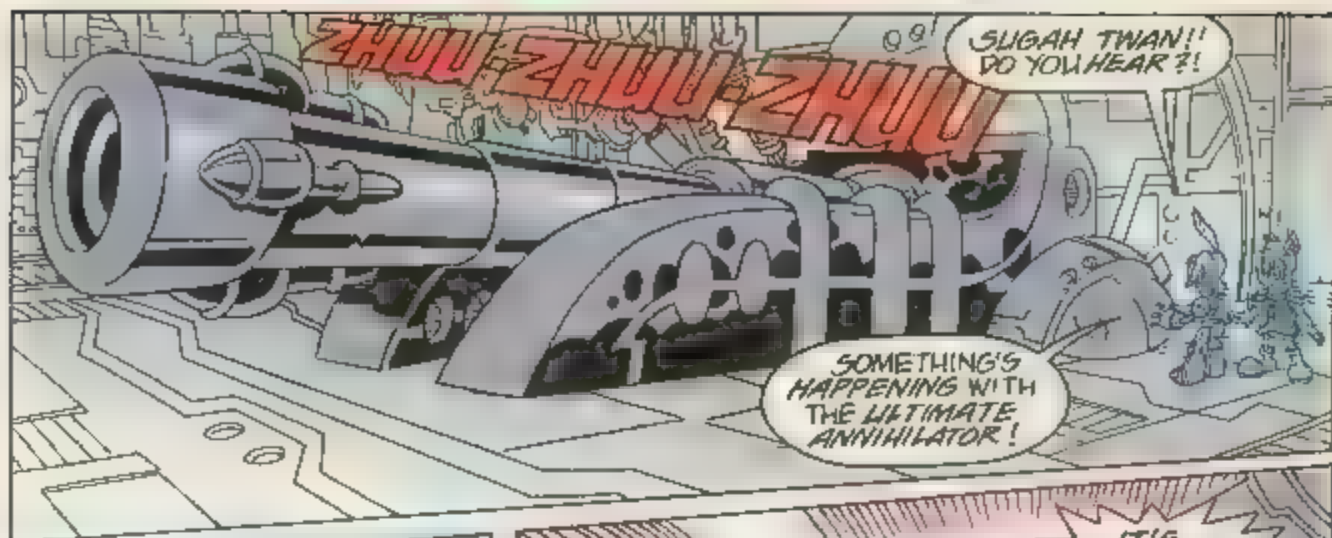
BUT,
SONIC--

NO "BUTS",
BUNNIE.

YOU AND T'NAN
JUST MAKE SURE
WHEN THAT
DOOHICKEY OF
YOURS BLOWS--



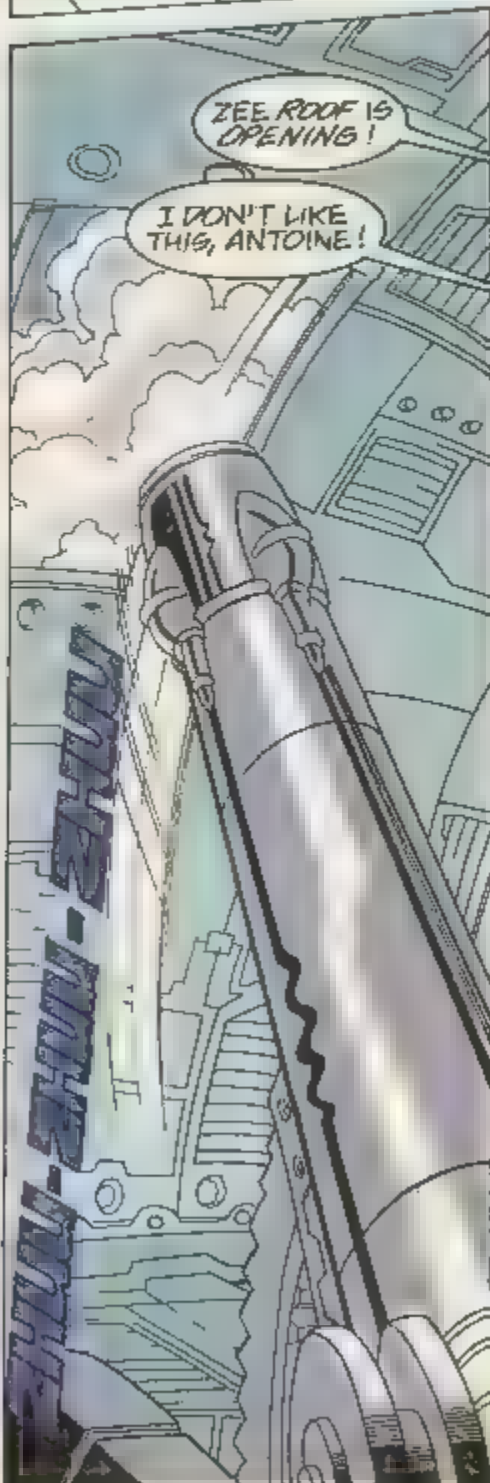




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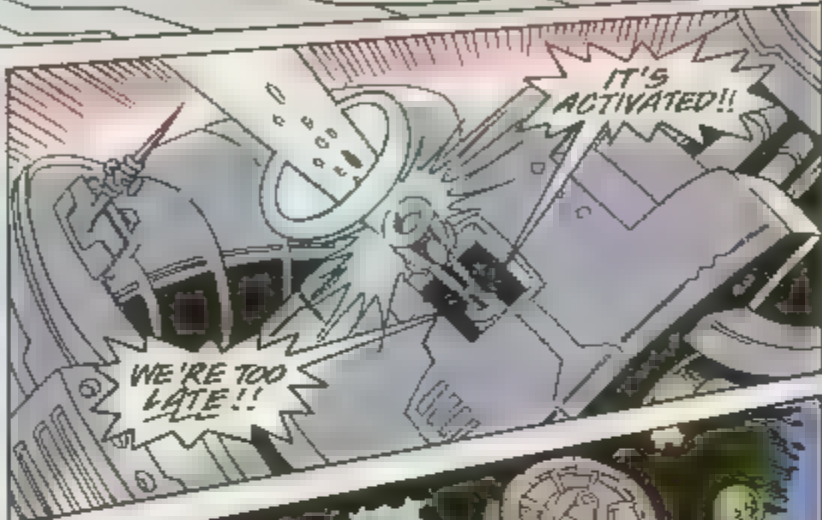
SUGAR TWAN!!
DO YOU HEAR?!

SOMETHING'S
HAPPENING WITH
THE ULTIMATE
ANNIHILATOR!



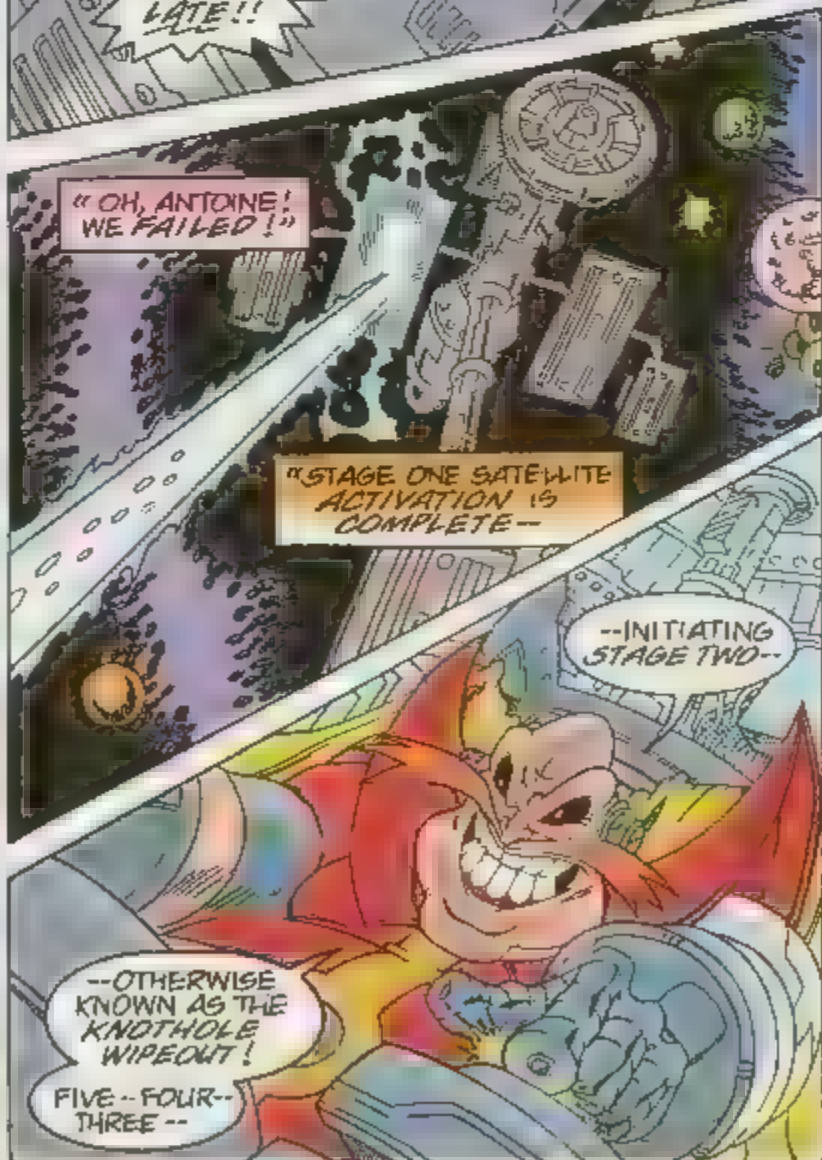
ZEE ROOF IS
OPENING!

I DON'T LIKE
THIS, ANTOINE!



IT'S
ACTIVATED!!

WE'RE TOO
LATE!!



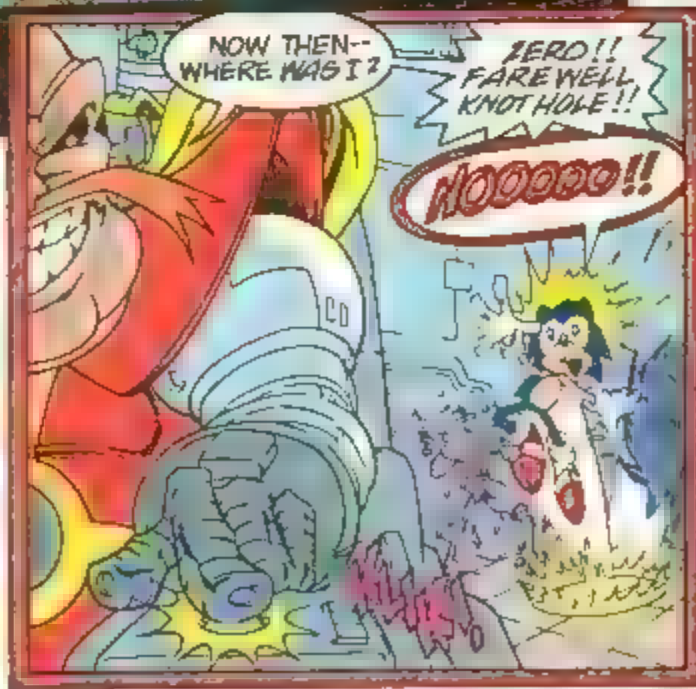
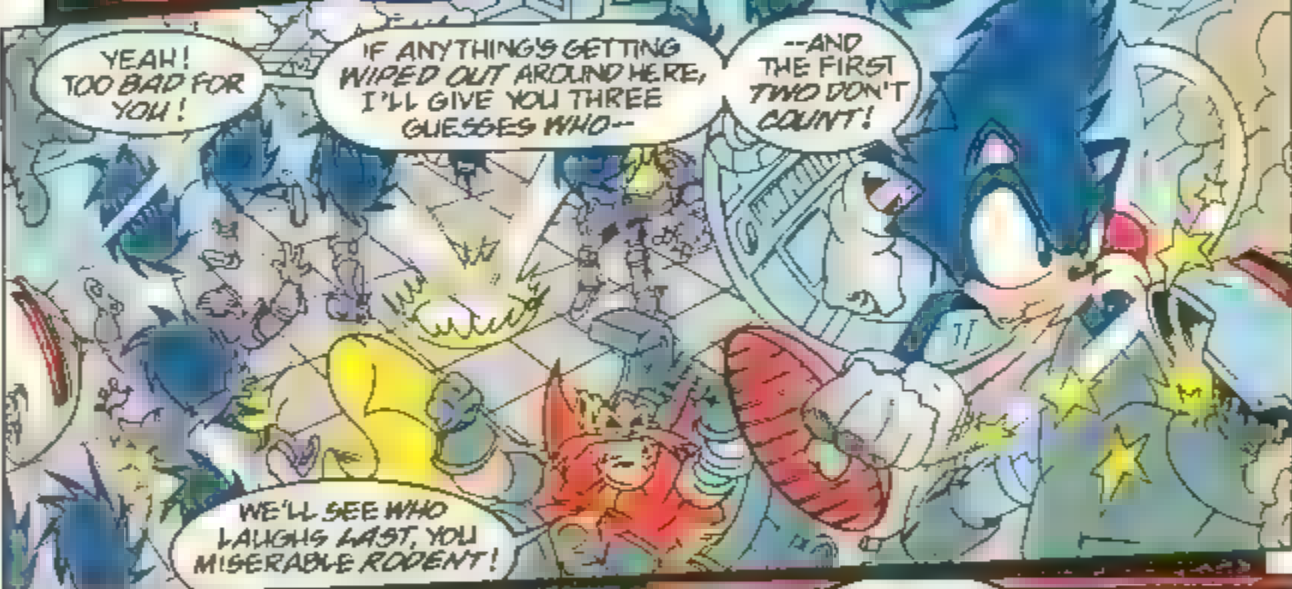
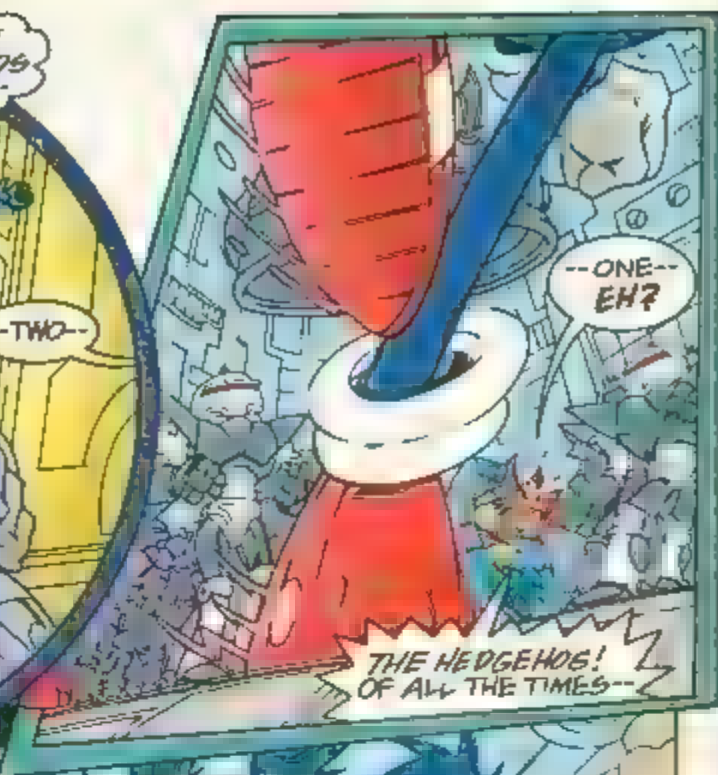
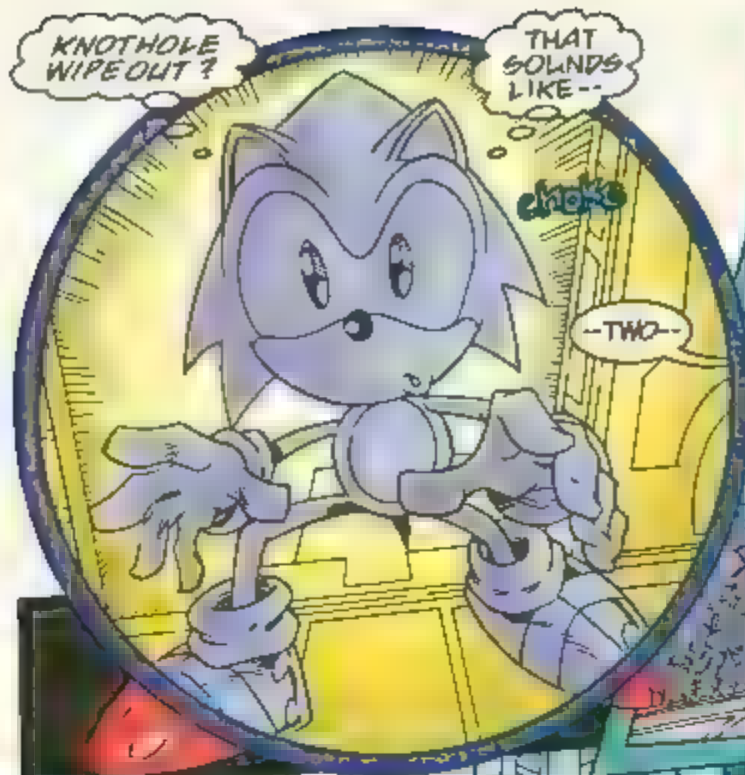
"OH, ANTOINE!
WE FAILED!"

"STAGE ONE SATELLITE
ACTIVATION IS
COMPLETE--

--INITIATING
STAGE TWO--

--OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE
KNOTHOLE
WIPEOUT!

FIVE--FOUR--
THREE--



WITH BUT THE
PRESS OF A
BUTTON...

AN ENERGY BEAM OF
IMMENSE MAGNITUDE
IS UNLEASHED,
FOCUSED ON ONE
SPECIFIC LOCATION...

AFTER ALL
THIS TIME--

KNOTHOLE AND
ITS CITIZENS ARE
ELIMINATED!

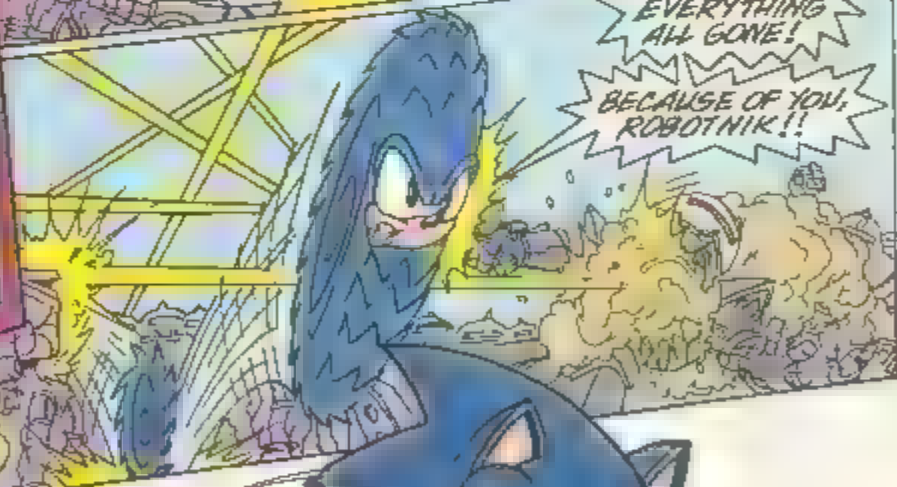


N-NOO...

ALL MY FRIENDS...
EVERYONE THAT EVER
MATTERED...



EVERYTHING
ALL GONE!
BECAUSE OF YOU,
ROBOTNIK!!



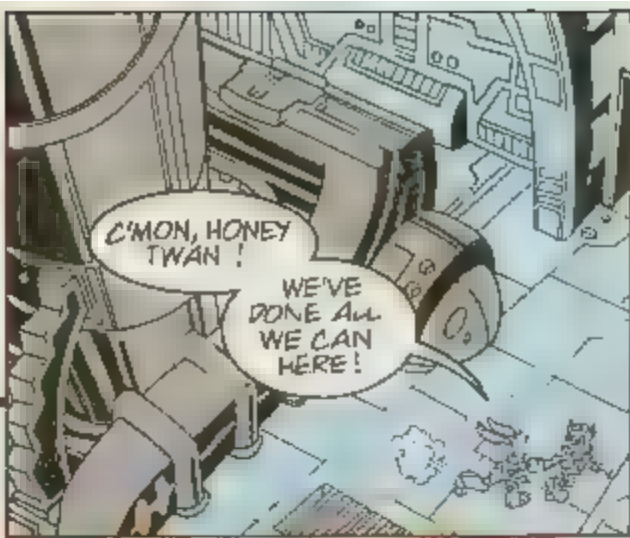
BAA SHHI!

YOU BETTER RUN,
ROBO-BUTT !!!...

"--CAUSE THERE WON'T
BE MUCH LEFT WHEN
I'M THROUGH WITH
YOU!!!"



THIS
SHOULD
DO IT!



C'MON, HONEY
TWAN!

WE'VE
DONE ALL
WE CAN
HERE!

ROOM!

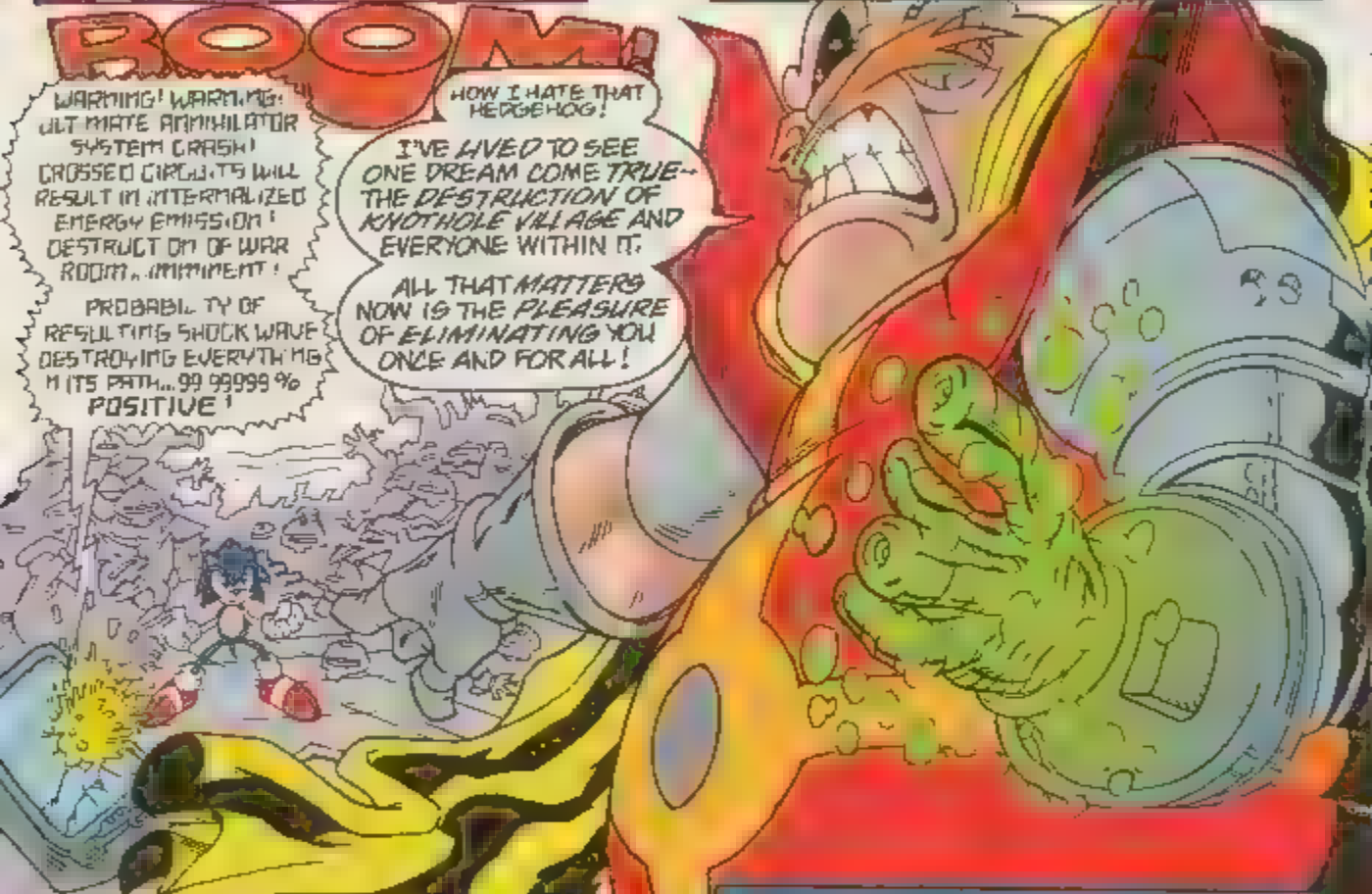
WARNING! WARNING!
ULTIMATE ANNIHILATOR
SYSTEM CRASH!
CROSSED CIRCUITS WILL
RESULT IN INTERNALIZED
ENERGY EMISSION!
DESTRUCTION OF WAR
ROOM... IMMINENT!

PROBABILITY OF
RESULTING SHOCK WAVE
DESTROYING EVERYTHING
IN ITS PATH... 99.99999%
POSITIVE!

HOW I HATE THAT
HEDGEHOG!

I'VE LIVED TO SEE
ONE DREAM COME TRUE--
THE DESTRUCTION OF
KNOTHOLE VILLAGE AND
EVERYONE WITHIN IT.

ALL THAT MATTERS
NOW IS THE PLEASURE
OF ELIMINATING YOU
ONCE AND FOR ALL!



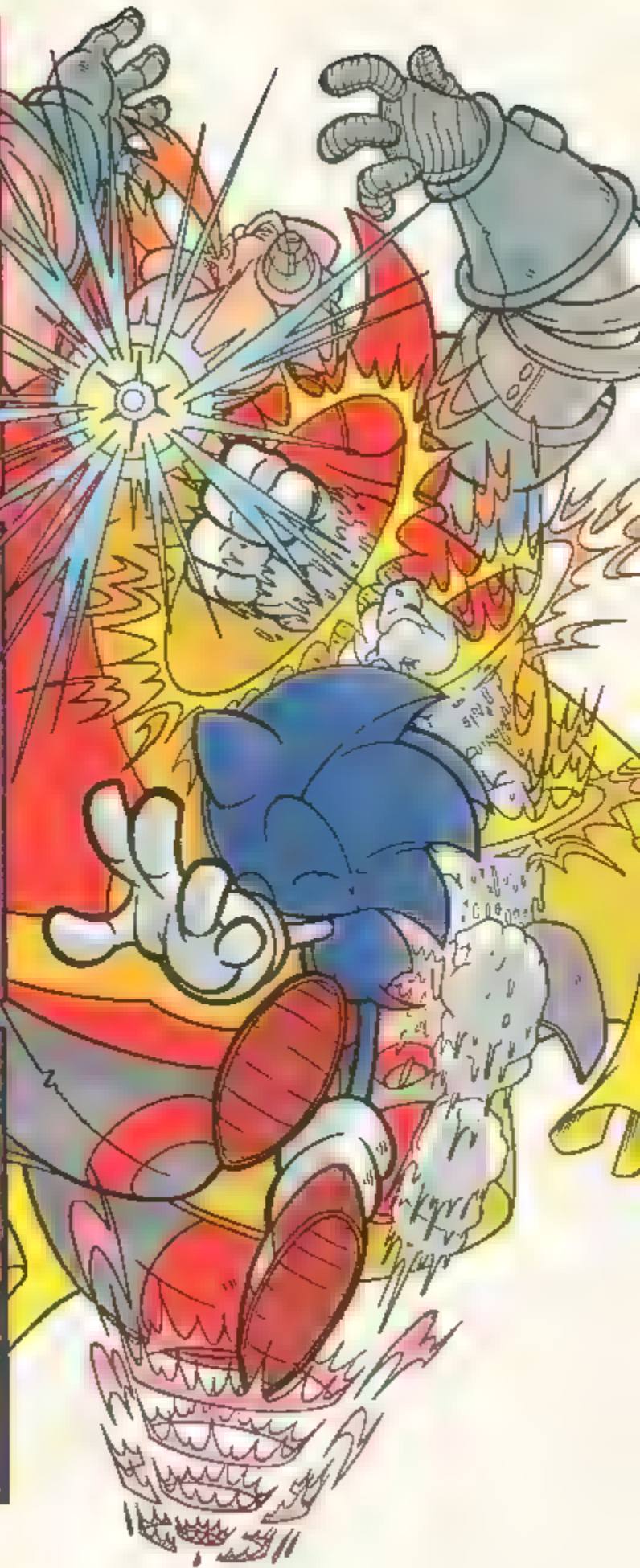
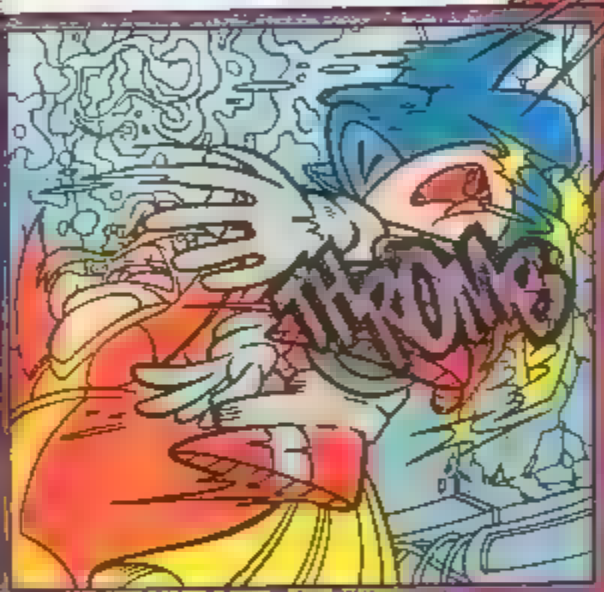
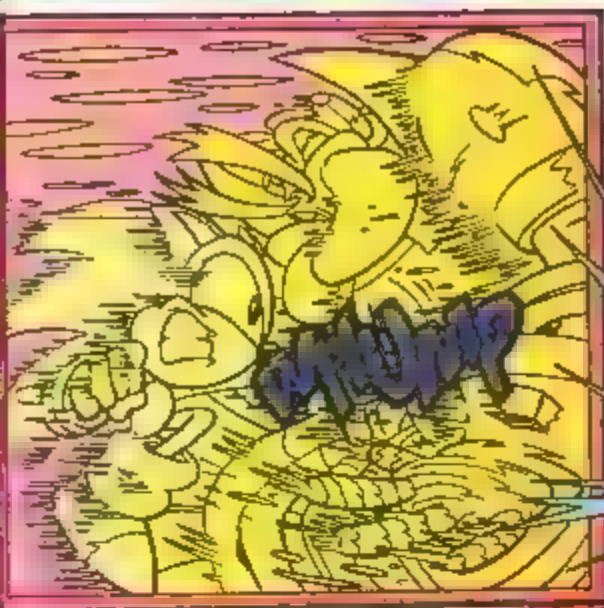
ALTHOUGH CONSCIOUS OF
THEIR IMPENDING ODOM,
AT THIS POINT, BOTH
COMBATANTS FEEL THEY
HAVE NOTHING LEFT
TO LOSE...

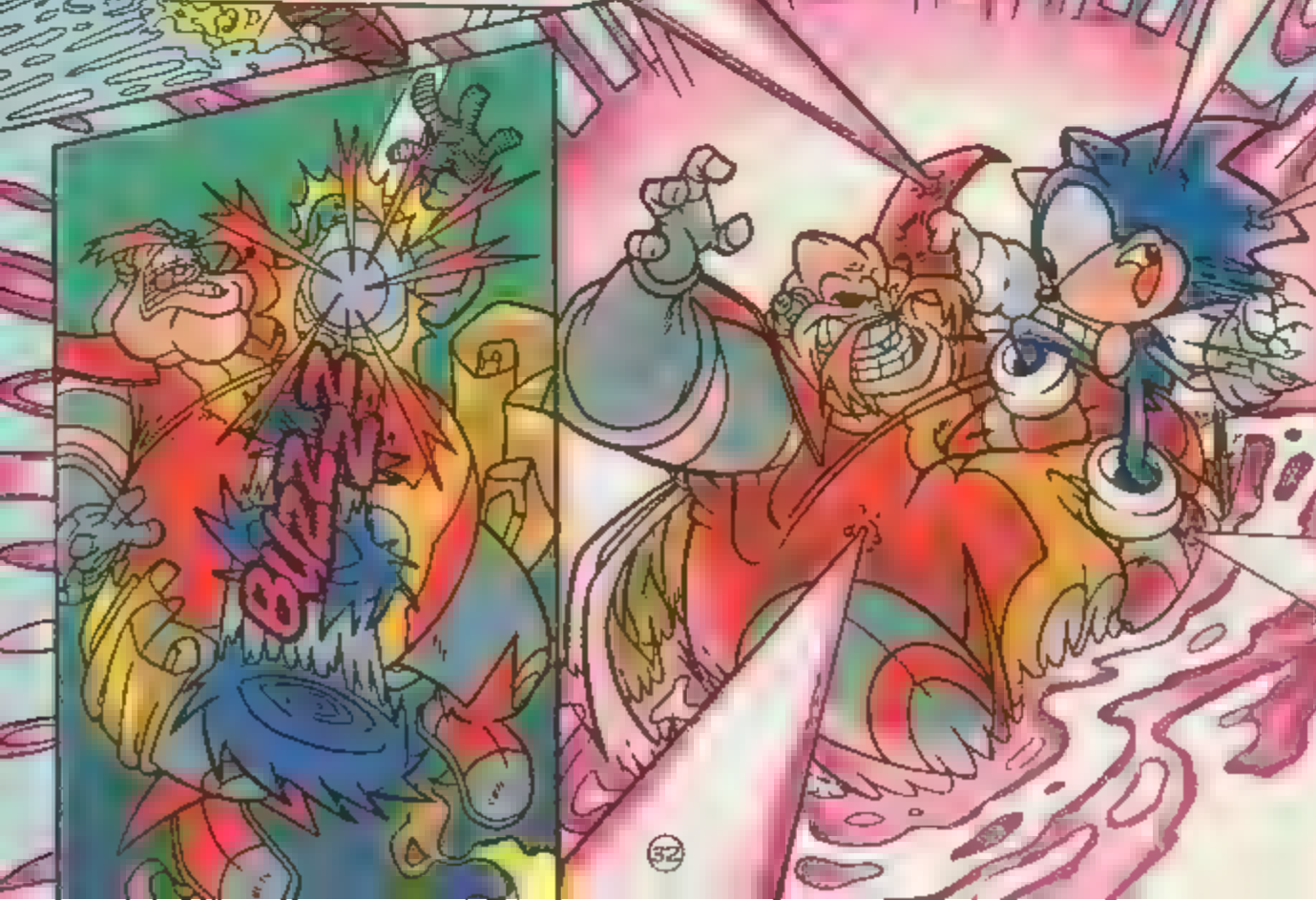
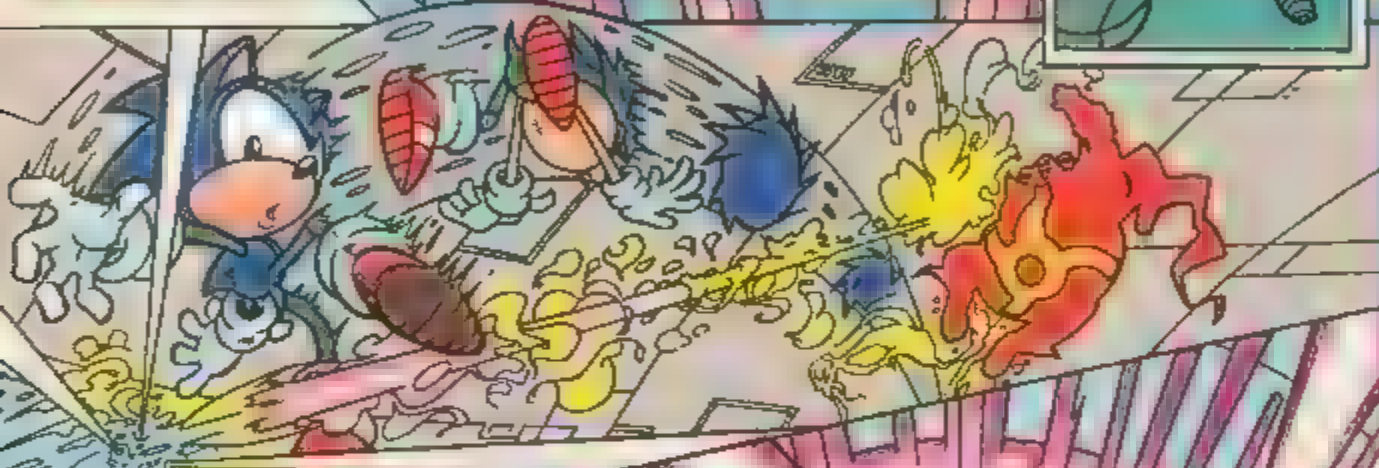
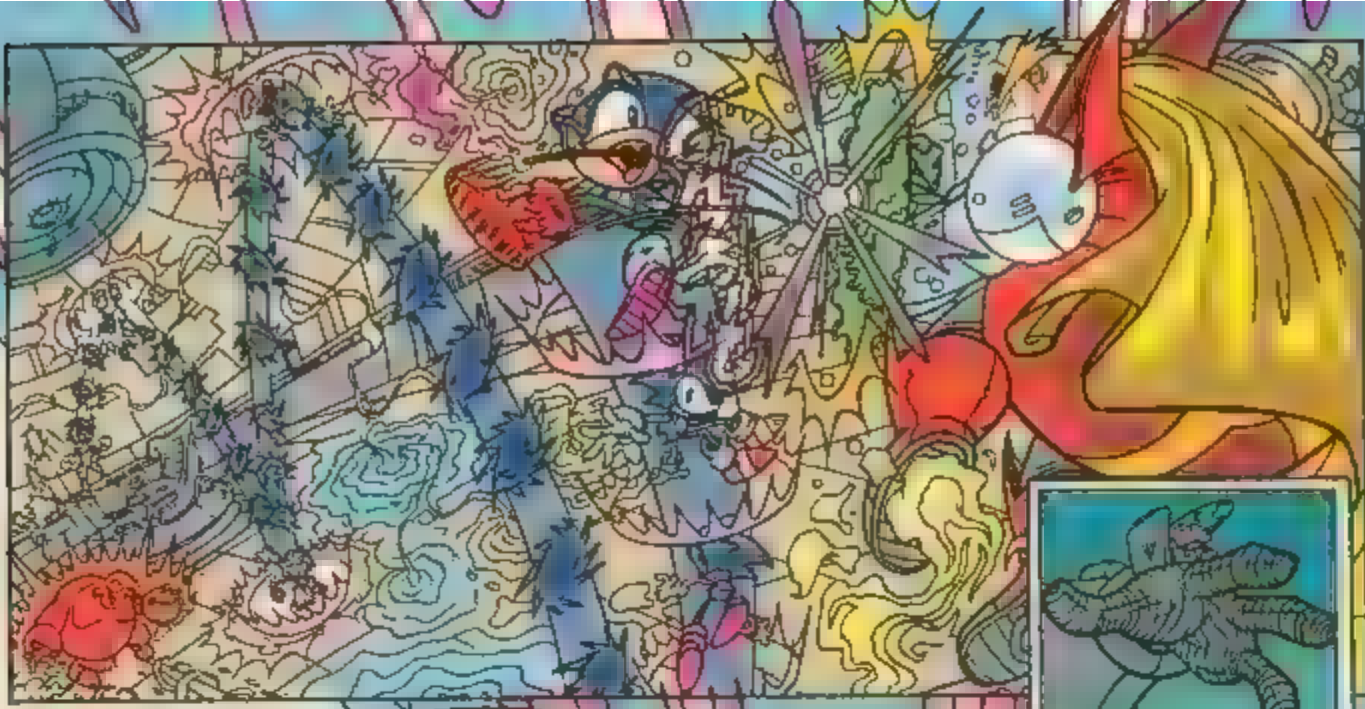


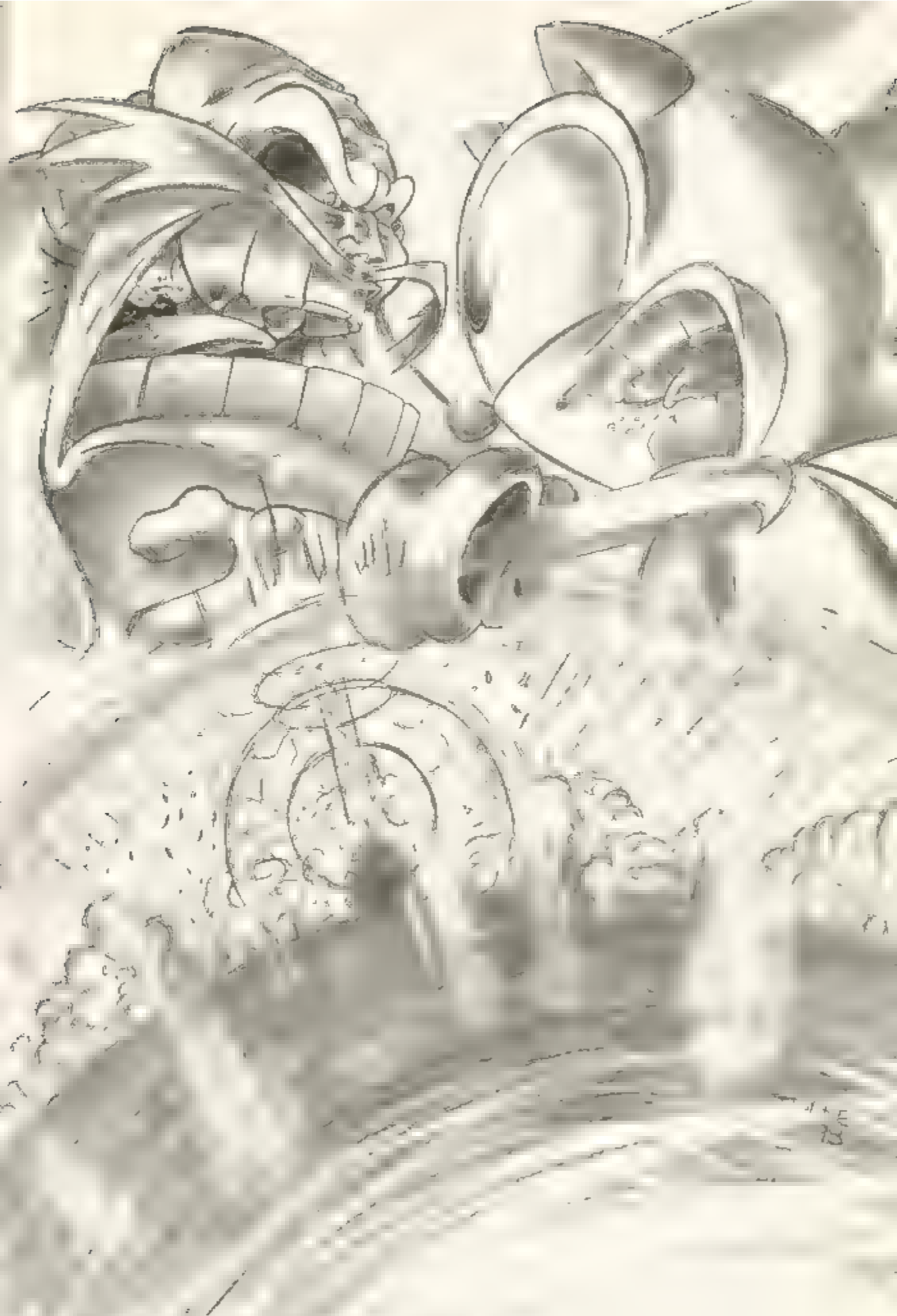
AFTER YEARS OF
EXCHANGING INSULTS
AND VOWS OF PERSONAL
DESTRUCTION, ALL IS
SAID AND DONE.

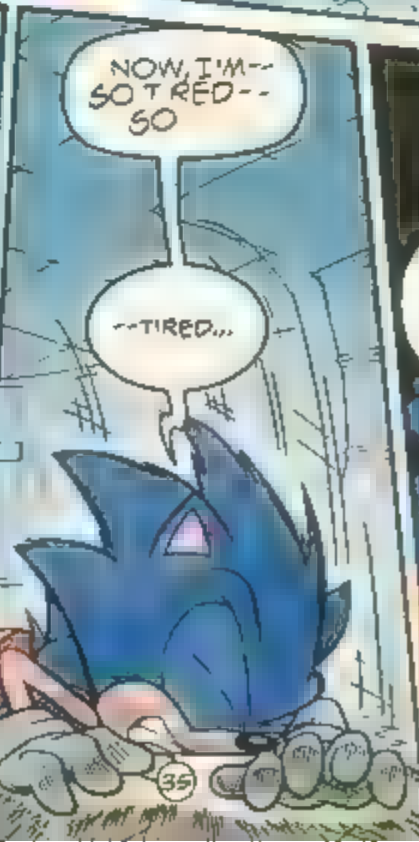
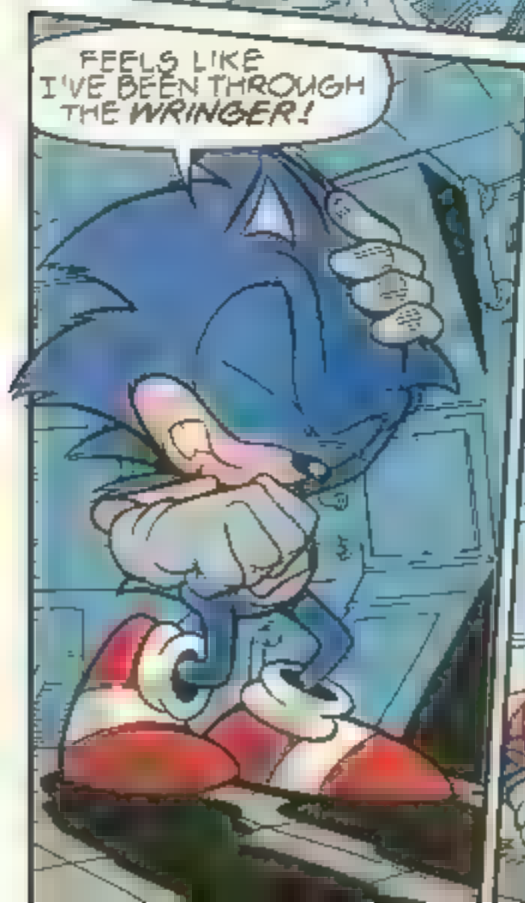
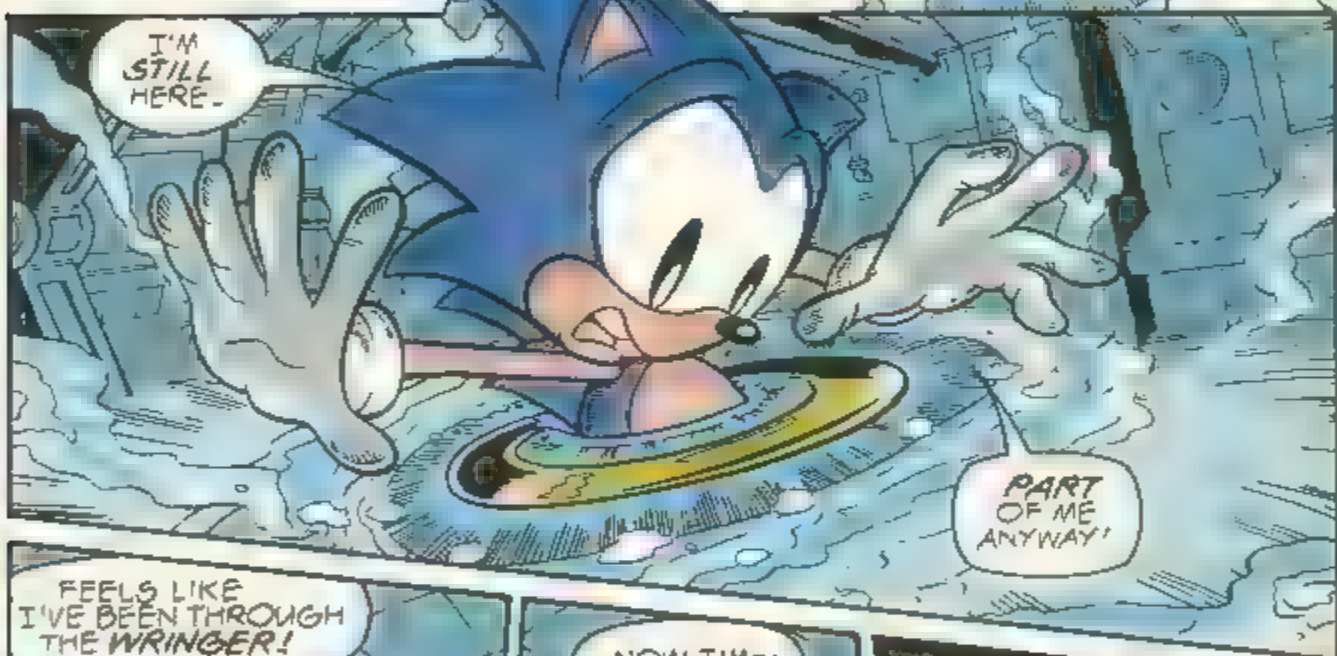
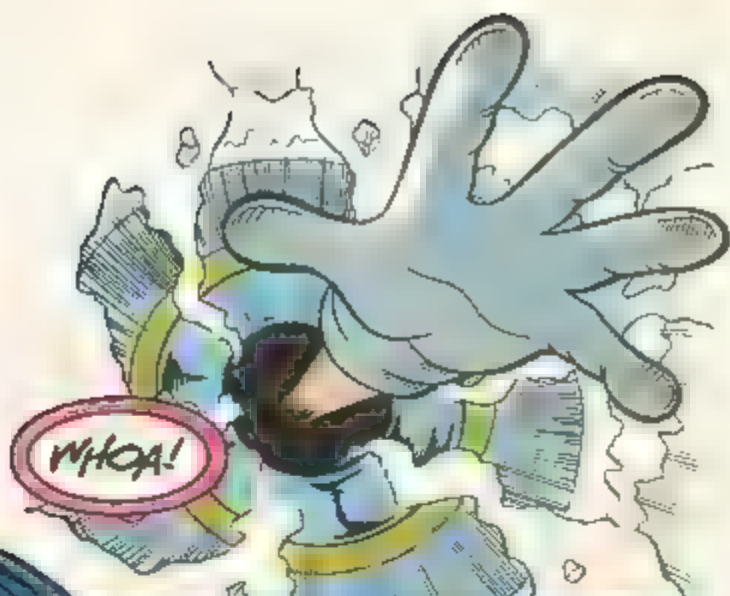
THE ONLY
RECOURSE
LEFT IS...

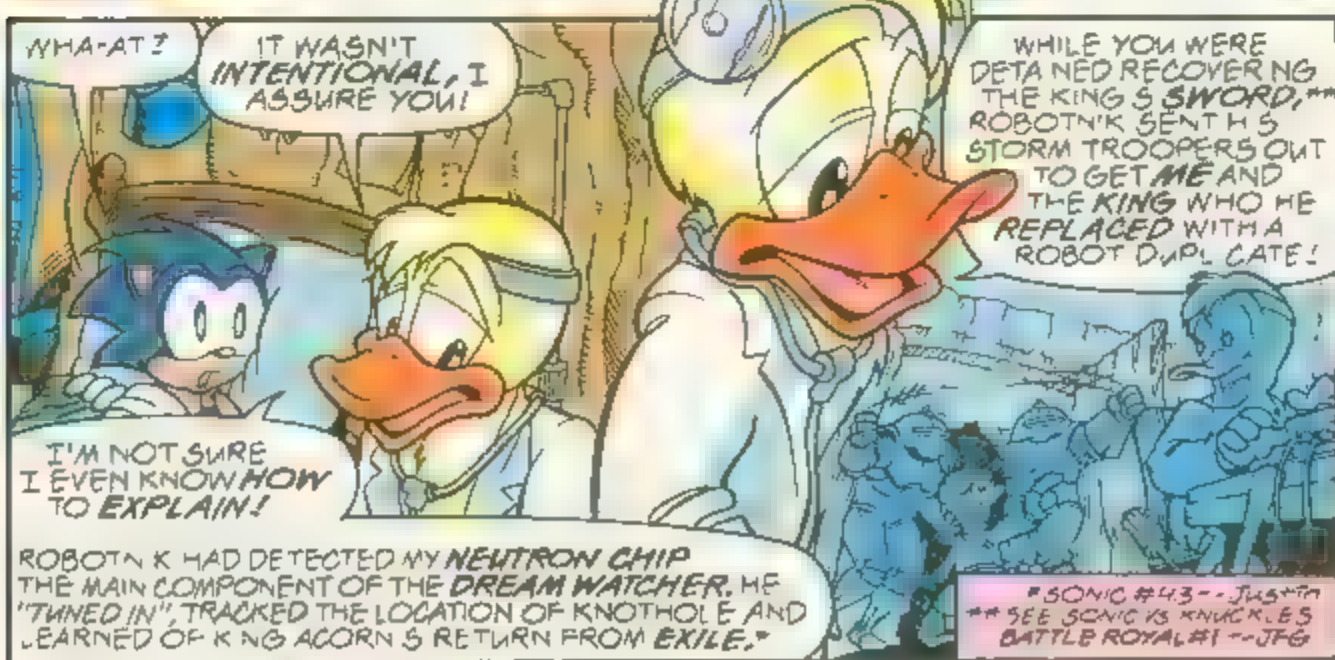
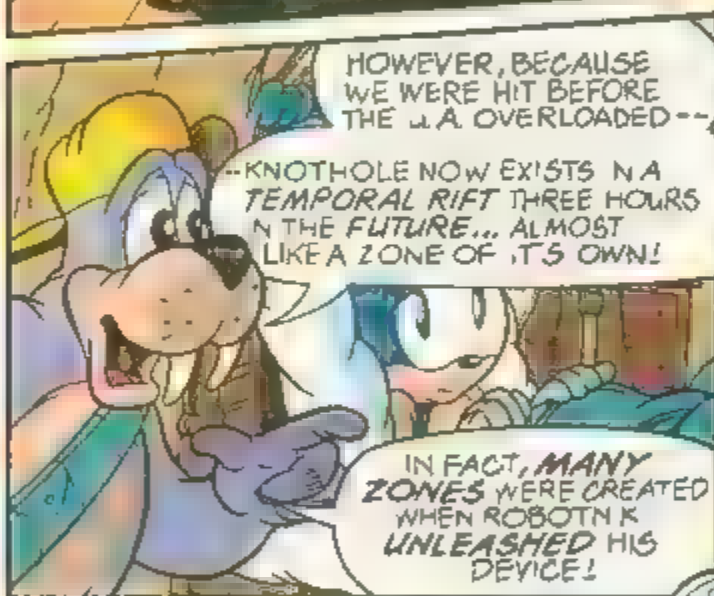
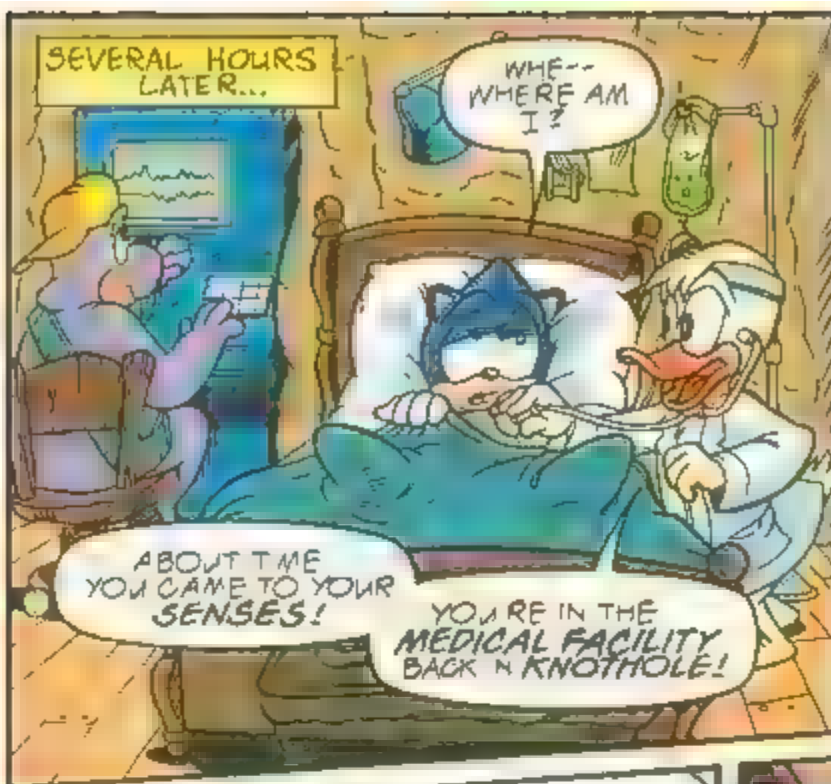


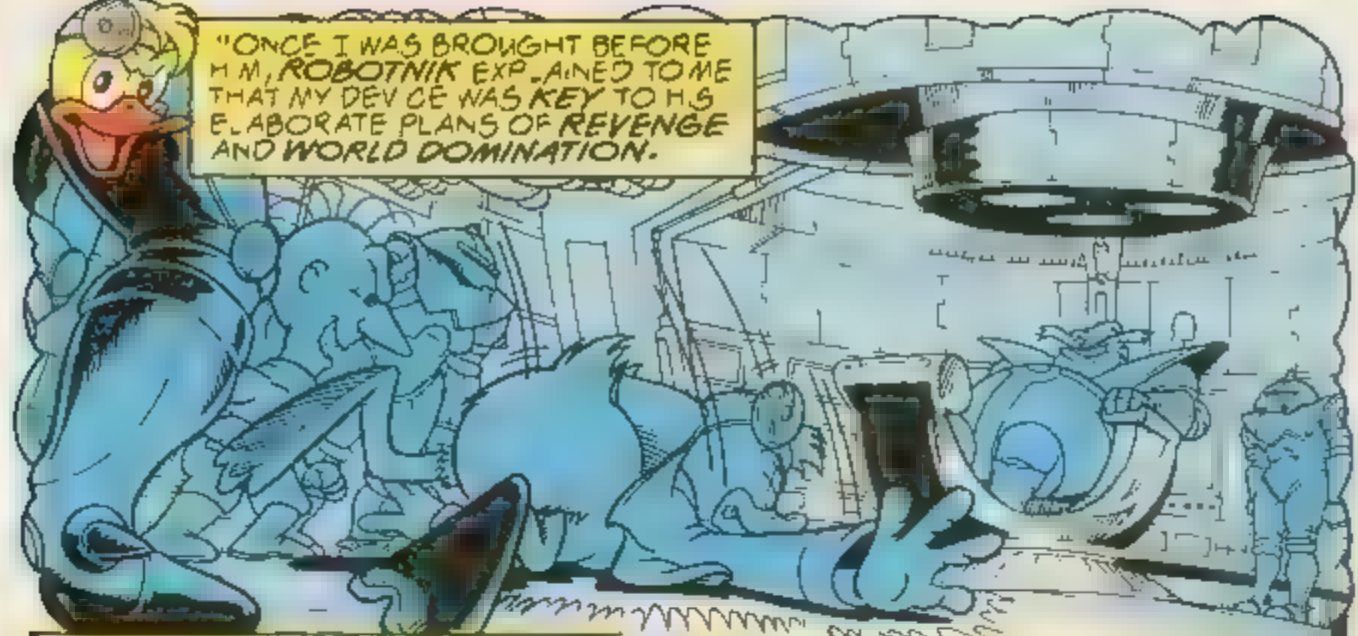




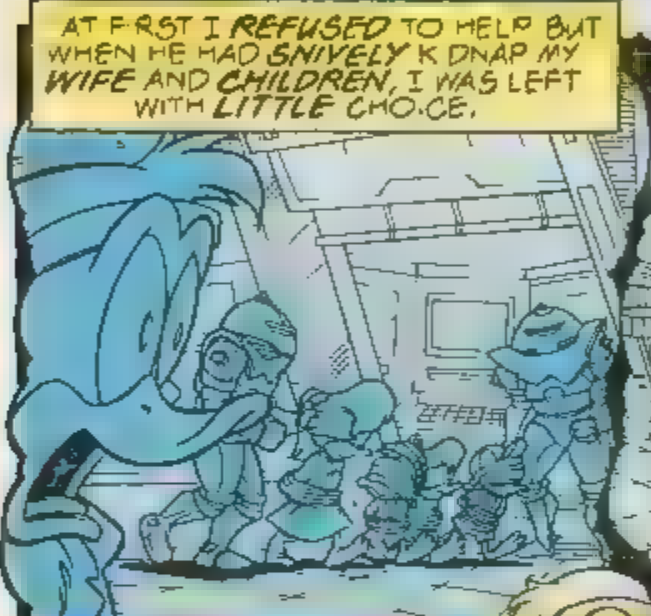








"ONCE I WAS BROUGHT BEFORE
M.M., ROBOTNIK EXPLAINED TO ME
THAT MY DEVICE WAS KEY TO HIS
ELABORATE PLANS OF REVENGE
AND WORLD DOMINATION.



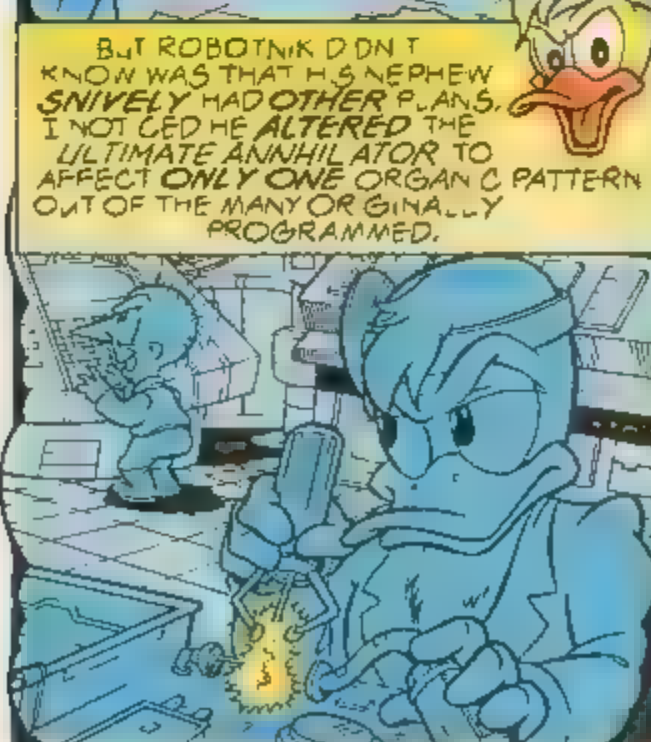
AT FIRST I REFUSED TO HELP BUT
WHEN HE HAD SNIVELY KIDNAP MY
WIFE AND CHILDREN, I WAS LEFT
WITH LITTLE CHOICE.




"SINCE HE WAS AFRAID YOU
MIGHT INTERFERE, ROBOTNIK
APPEALED TO DRAGO'S GREED
AND LUST FOR THE EASY LIFE.




"IN TURN, DRAGO SET YOU
UP USING SALLY AS THE
FALL GUY -- EN -- BAIT!



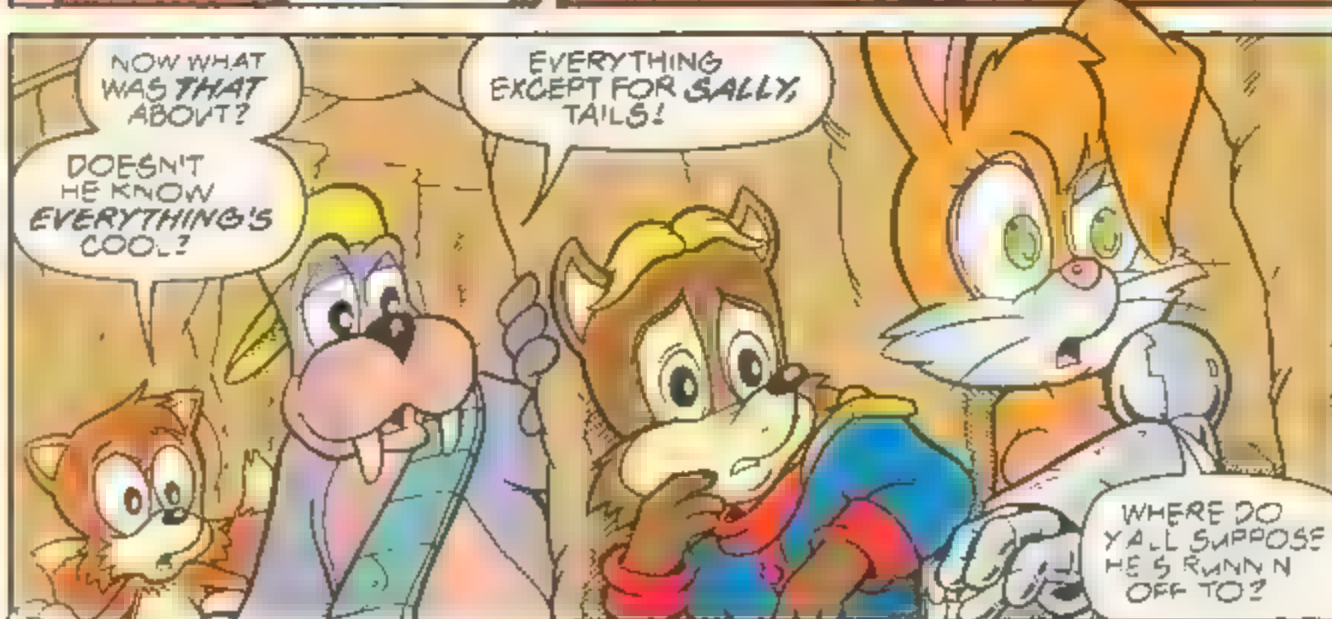
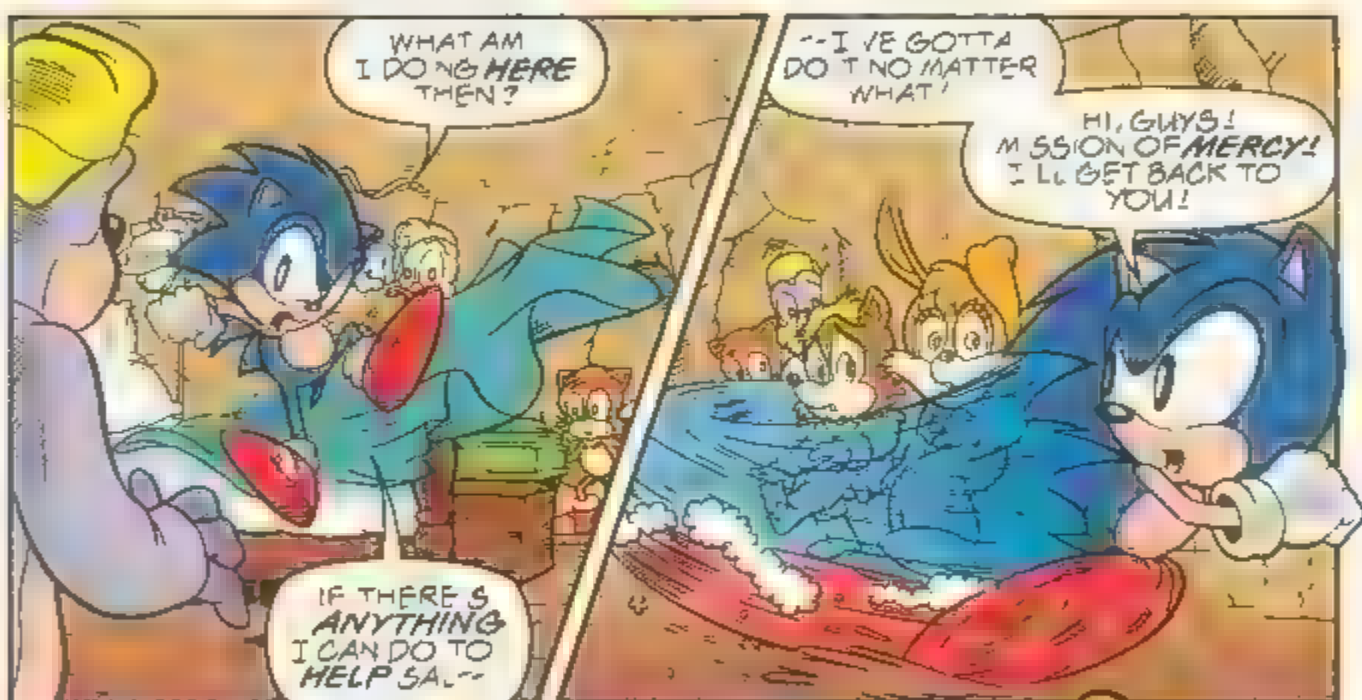
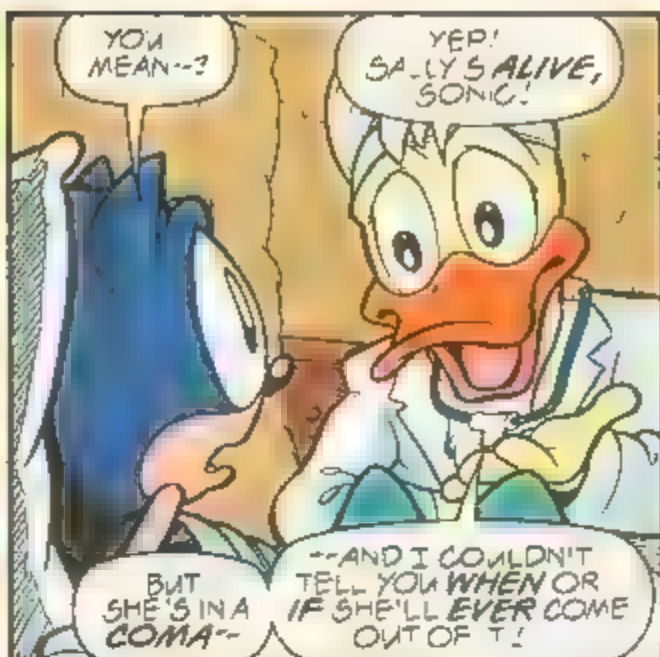
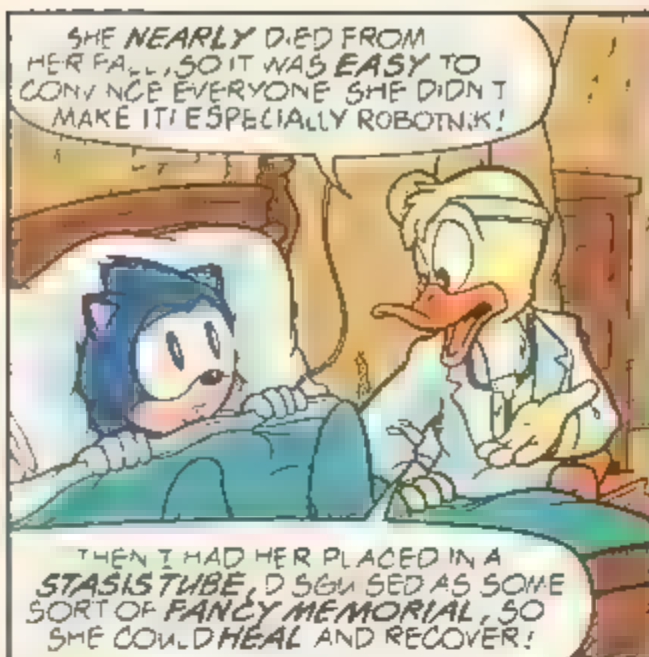
BUT ROBOTNIK DIDN'T
KNOW WAS THAT HIS NEPHEW
SNIVELY HAD OTHER PLANS.
I NOTICED HE ALTERED THE
ULTIMATE ANNIHILATOR TO
AFFECT ONLY ONE ORGANIC PATTERN
OUT OF THE MANY ORIGINALLY
PROGRAMMED.

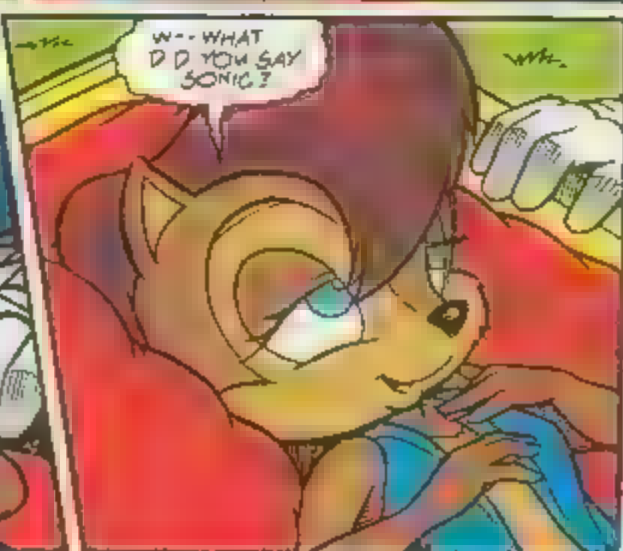
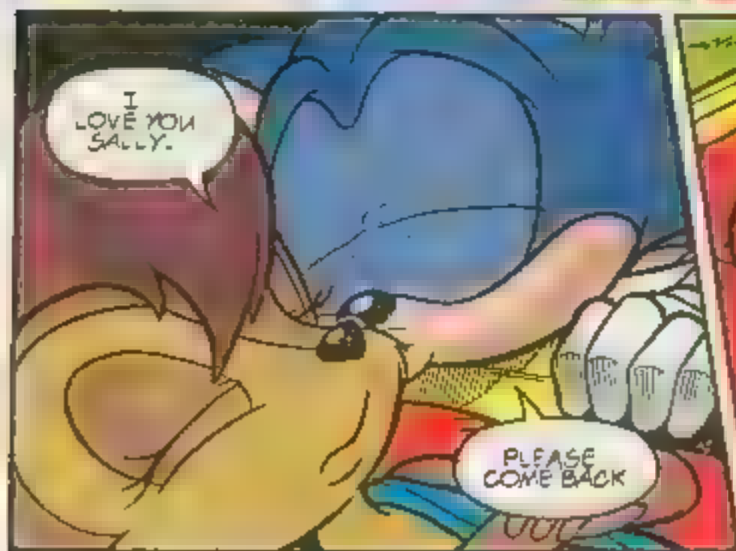
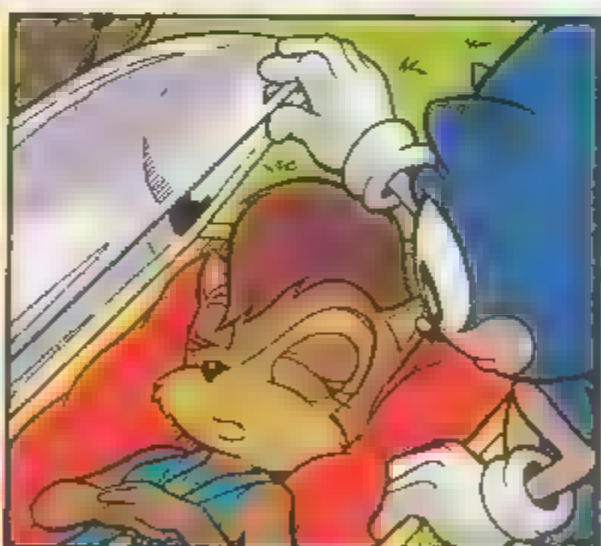
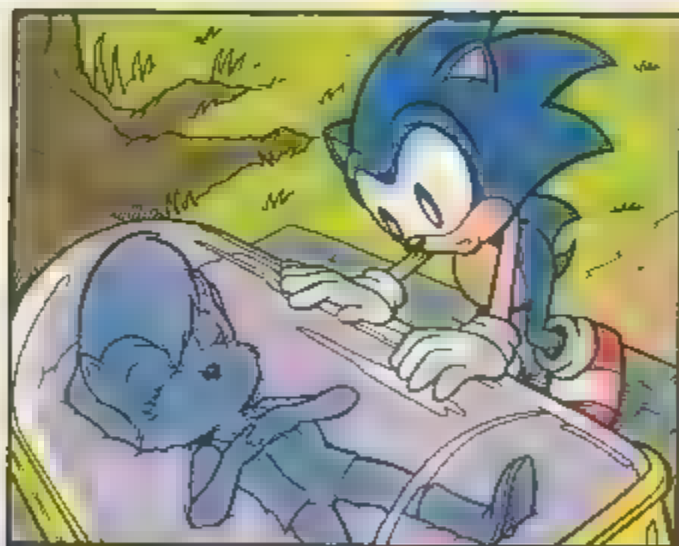
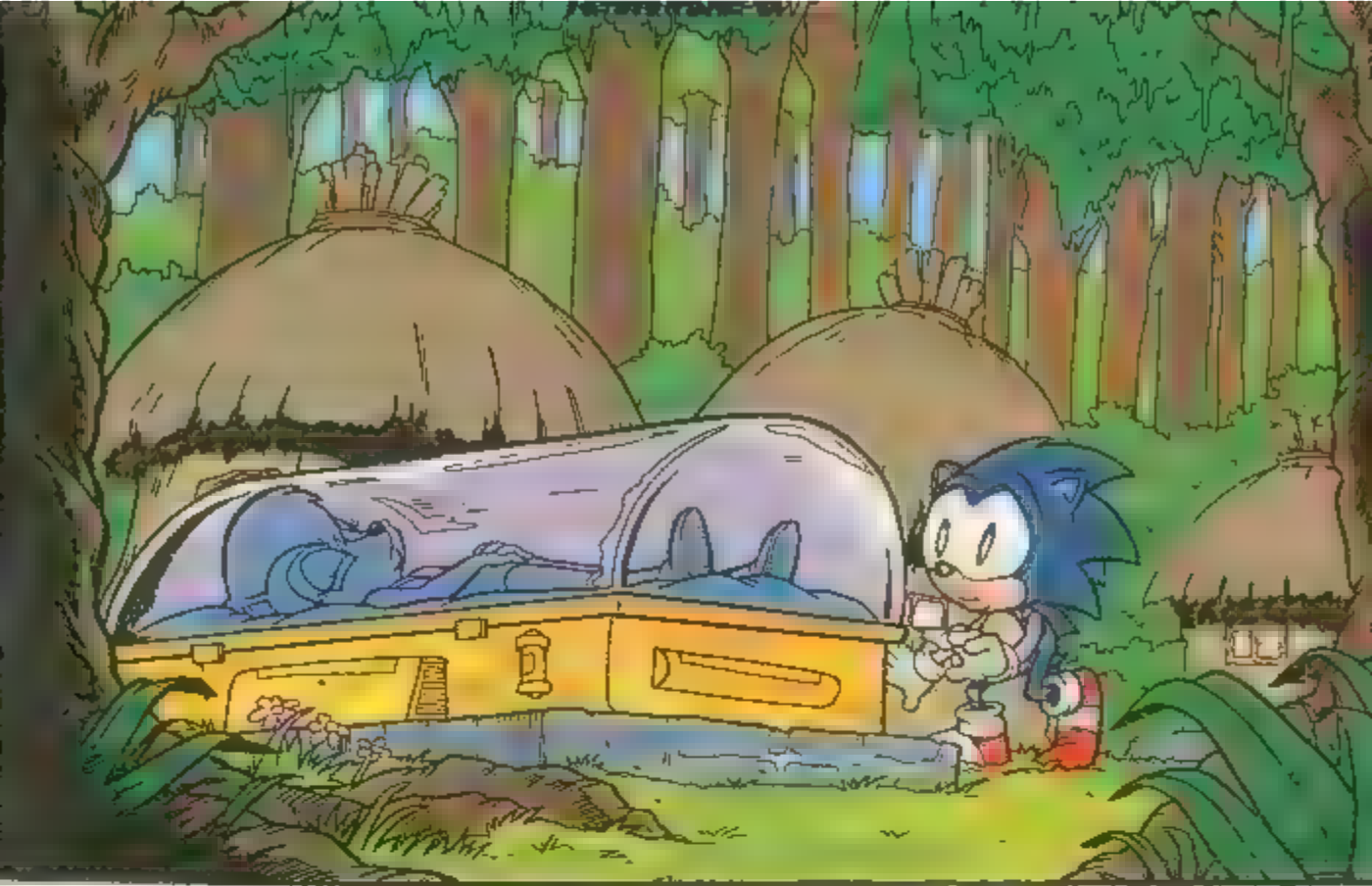


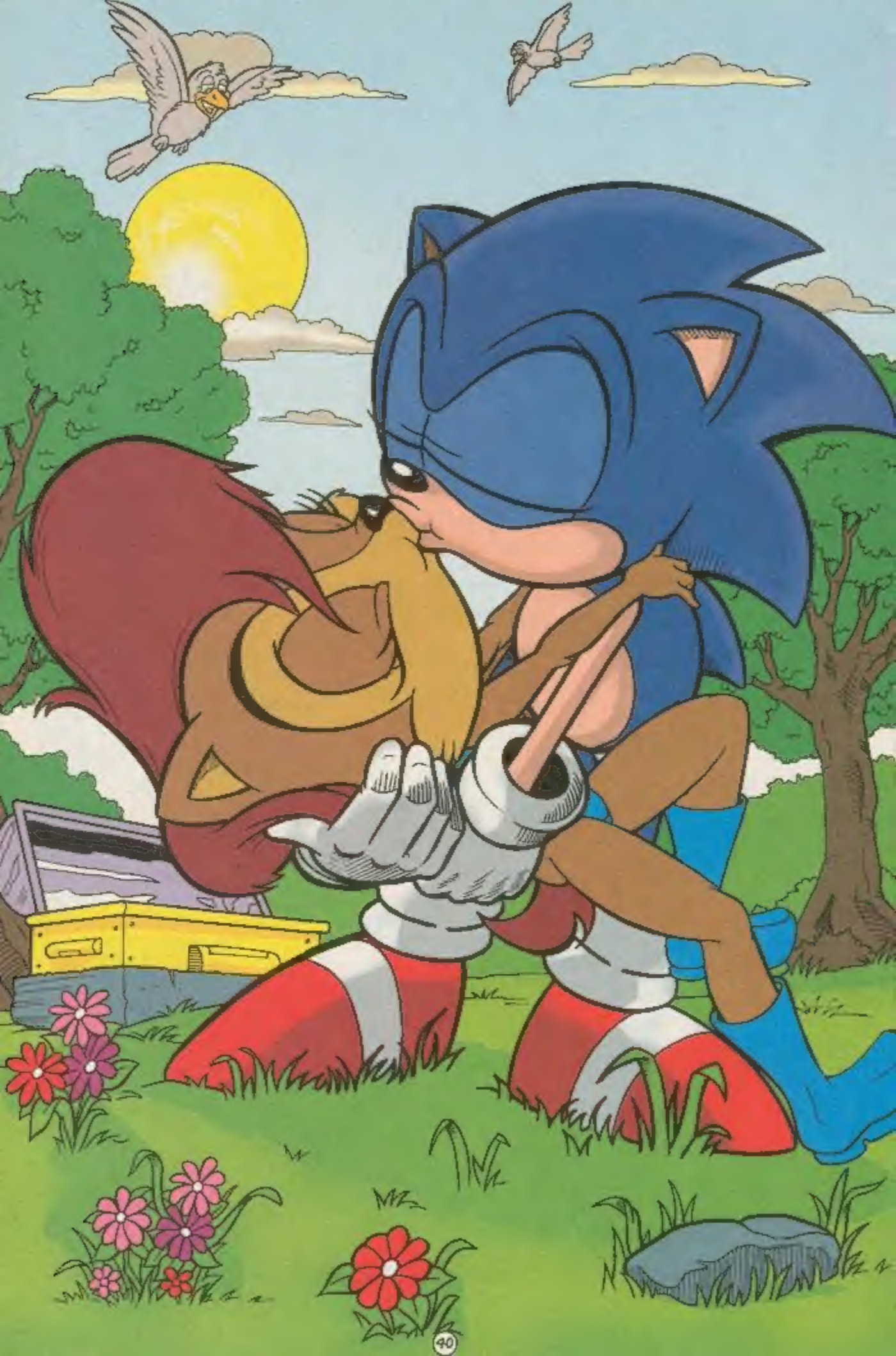
SINCE ONLY ROBOTNIK
COULD NOW BE AFFECTED BY
THE DEVICE, I KEPT QUIET
AND PRAYED EVENTS WOULD
TAKE THE COURSE THEY
EVENTUALLY DID!



AND
SALLY?







I SAID--

I'M JUST
HAPPY TO SEE
YOU AGAIN!

AND SO, IT WASN'T LONG
BEFORE ORDER WAS RESTORED...

DOCTOR QUACK WAS EXONERATED
DUE TO EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES,
AND RESUMED LOOKING AFTER HIS
PATIENT, KING ACORN.

HERSHEY WAS FOR-
GIVEN FOR BEING
DRAGO'S DUPE,
SHE'S NOW A MODEL
CITIZEN AGAIN.

MRS. QUACK AND THE
CHILDREN ARE DOING
FINE, THANK YOU.

THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS WELCOMED BACK
THEIR FRIEND SONIC WITH WIDE OPEN ARMS
AND BEGAN PLANNING A BIG CELEBRATION

GEOFFREY ST. JOHN WAS
REINSTATED AS COMMANDER
OF HIS MAJESTY'S SECRET
SERVICE. HE AWAITS HIS
NEXT MISSION.

DRAGO WAS SENTENCED TO THE
DEVIL'S GWLAG. SOMETHING
ABOUT A COLD DAY IN A WARM
PLACE WAS MENTIONED AS TO
HOW LONG HIS SENTENCE
WOULD RUN.

AS FOR SNIVELY--
WELL, THAT'S ANOTHER
STORY FOR ANOTHER
DAY!

SONIC GRAMS

SPECIAL

IMAGE CROSSOVER!

Next issue: That's right! Sonic, Knuckles and The Freedom Fighters meet the heroes of Image Comics! No, it's not a dream, nor a hoax, nor an imaginary story! The truth is not only out there — it's way out there as the Master Emerald, the power source that maintains The Floating Island's place in the sky, is stolen by a mysterious enemy. Sonic and the gang hit the Cosmic Interstate in search of the priceless gem. Where they wind up is a world unlike any they've seen before as they find themselves in the mean streets of New York City and beyond, teaming up with an assortment of heroes such as Shadowhawk, The Savage Dragon, The Maxx and others in an effort to restore things to the way they used to be. Can they do it or will the bad guys win out in this 48-page epic adventure? Trust no one but the creative team of Ken Penders and Jim Valentino for the answers to this one! **SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #7 on sale Oct. 1998!**

In other Mobian news... In one week: Knuckles finally returns to The Floating Island, only to discover that things have changed since he left home in issue #10. Along with a surprise Knuckles' mother has in store for him, you are invited to witness the secrets of Haven begin to unfold as The Brotherhood of Guardians gathers to determine what's to become of Knuckles. As for Julie-Su, it seems she may have a thing or two in store for our favorite echidna. Written by Ken Penders. Art by Manny Galan and Andrew Pepoy. **KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA #16 on sale July '98!**

In three weeks: Can our freedom-fighting duo escape Sand Blast City... especially when Sonic seems to be enjoying his stay here? Also witness the villains of the Devil's Gulch challenge the prison used to hold them. Written by Karl Bollers. Art by Steven Butler and Pam Eklund. Also in this issue: Part three of St. John's "On His Majesty's Secret

Service." Training begins for the recruits and Princess Sally wants some answers as to why she's being left out of the loop. And she's not going to get them either... on the orders of King Acorn himself. The mystery deepens. Written and inked by Ken Penders. Art by Art Mawhinney. **SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #63 on sale July '98!**

In other SEGA news... In one week: Elliot and Claris are in trouble: the school is upset over their recent absences and they're running out of time to save Nights! With each passing moment, Nights—who can't survive in the "real" world—is ceasing to exist, and Raula is planning a strike against Nights' very weakness! Can Claris and Elliot save Nights from extinction—and themselves from expulsion. Brought to you by Sonic regulars, Karl Bollers, Patrick 'Spaz'lante, Sam Maxwell and Harvey Mercadoocasio. Plus check out the computer-modeled cover by fan-faves Spaz/Harvo and Heroic Age! **NIGHTS INTO DREAMS #5 on sale July '98!**

JUSTIN
FREDDY
GABRIE

Because of limited space, the editors cannot guarantee that all correspondence will be published and reserve the right to edit messages as they see fit.

Dear Sonic-GRAMS Special,

Hi, anyone who eventually reads this! I'm a British Sonic fan and I recently had a state-side friend send me over a couple of your comics, so I could see how they compared to the Sonic comic by Fleetway over here. I found out about your comic on the "Net." The issues I ended up reading were SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #2, BRAVE NEW WORLD and SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #56. They were great! I'm asking my friend to send more over, especially some back issues to find out how it got to this point in Sonic lore.

Your comic is very different to the one over here. I think it's a more professional production since they don't take comics seriously enough in this country. Don't get me wrong — they have some good stories, but mostly it's dragged down by failed attempts at humor. Of course, you have some decent characters to work with in your version of the Sonic universe, including Bunnie, Antoine, etc. (we're stuck with the mostly game-based characters over here). But most of all, you have the gorgeous one, Her Royal Highness Princess Sally Acorn. Be still my heart.

The most impressive thing about the "Brave New World" story was Geoffrey St. John's accent. Finally, Ken Penders has given us a character with a believable Aussie accent and resisted the temptation to make every second sentence a cliché involving shrimps. I'll write again when I'm more knowledgeable of your comics. So until then, this is your new fan saying, "See ya!"

Leon Baker
W. Sussex, UK

That's a way past cool, mondo compliment, Leon. We welcome you to our fold of Sonic fans and hope you're here to stay! Believe me when I say the next few months are going to be chock full of action and adventure with more surprises than you can shake a stick at!

Note: In last issue's credits page, artist Nelson Ribeiro's name was misspelled. Please forgive us.

Bonus: The infamous Scott Shaw pin-up (with script by Paul Castiglia) for you to color. Enjoy!

**So until next time,
keep on juicin'!**



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#6

Freedom Fighters



10¢

I-I CAN'T
SEEM TO
SLIP FREE-
DESPITE HIS
SWEATY
PALMS!

DON'T
WORRY
SAL-
THERE'S
MORE
THAN ONE
WAY TO
CRACK A
ROTTEN
EGGHEAD!

FEATURING:
"SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!"
"PRINCESS SALLY!"
"BUNNIE RABBIT!"
"ROTOR!"

TOGETHER
FOR THE FIRST
TIME IN ONE
PULSE-POUNDING
PIN-UP!

THE 3 OF YOU
CAN'T DO IT
ALONE - TIME
FOR ROTOR
TO PERFORM
SOME ROOT
CANAL!

IT'LL TAKE
MORE THAN
ROPES TO
WRAP UP THIS
ROBOT SUGAH!

for
KIRBY, after
KIRBY!

SCOTT
SHAW!